

North-Eastern Area Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mr. G. Rollefson

The Sub-Committee met at 2.30 p.m. on 30.IX.1952.

I. Proceedings.

1. The members gave short statements concerning investigations being made in the area during 1952 and for the special investigations and routine work planned for 1953. It was discussed which problems were likely to be given a first priority in 1953.

2. Two letters, submitted to the members by the Consultative Committee, were discussed. In the case of the letter by H. le Gall, "L'esprit des Annales Biologiques", the Sub-Committee felt unable to express an opinion on the question raised since they lacked information concerning the reasons for the steps taken. As regards the letter from Mr. de Watteville on the seaweed question, whether or not seaweed should become a part of the Council's interests, the Sub-Committee thought that such decision should depend upon its acceptability to a special seaweed sub-committee.

3. Mr. G. Rollefson was re-elected Chairman.

II. Programme of Work.

- a) Denmark will possibly also in 1953 send a smaller ship to the Barents Sea to undertake tagging experiments on plaice.
- b) England will continue the work in the Barents Sea and along the Norwegian coast to study the correlation between sea temperatures and concentrations of cod, migrations of cod, and drift and distribution of cod larvae. The distribution of capelin and plankton will also be studied.
- c) France has planned hydrographic work in the area.
- d) Germany will continue the sampling of cod, haddock, coalfish, and redfish especially for the study of age and size distribution and for population studies.
- e) Iceland will continue the tagging of herring.
- f) Norway is prepared to carry on the routine work in the coastal waters and has planned cruises with M/S "G.O. Sars" in the Barents Sea and the Norwegian sea. A definite programme for these cruises will be given in the near future.
- g) Scotland has planned larval haddock investigations which may be extended to the North-Eastern Area.

III. Recommendation.

The North-Eastern Area Sub-Committee recommends that a special scientific meeting be held at the next Council Meeting to deal with cod problems in all areas within the Council's sphere of interest.

The Sub-Committee proposes that Mr. G. Rollefson should be the convener.