

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

B-Recommendations

The Consultative Committee recommended:-

- B (1) That the reporting and publication of the Administrative Report be discontinued.
- B (2) That the President be authorized - in consultation with the Chairman of the Consultative Committee and the relevant Committee chairmen - to appoint the Council's members on the West African Working Group.
- B (3) That the Council's Observers at the forthcoming session of the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean be M. Cl. Maurin and Dr. F. Lozano.
- B (4) That the Council should in its answer refer to the desirability of including data on depth of the discontinuity layer. It was felt, however, that most of the remaining parameters were chiefly of importance to shipping in general, and although they were in this context certainly of great importance for fishing operations, it was felt that the Council would perhaps not be the right body to comment upon them in detail.
- B (5) That in future three half days be allotted to each of the two Northern Fish Committees, and two half days to each of the other Committees.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

B Recommendations

- B (1) That interested countries be requested to nominate experts to form a Working Group on the Assessment of the Demersal Fish of the North Sea to meet for **about** one week during April 1968 under the Chairmanship of Dr. E. Bertelsen.

STATISTICS COMMITTEE

B-Recommendations

The Statistics Committee recommends:-

- B (1) that the publication of Tables 7 and 7a be discontinued in future volumes of the Bulletin Statistique, and that these tables be replaced by one giving the total catches of each of the fish and shellfish species, listed in Tables 4 and 5, in each of the NEAFC Regions.
- B (2) that
- (i) the collection and publication of Value Statistics in Table 1 of future volumes of the Bulletin Statistique be discontinued,
 - (ii) Table 1 be replaced by the present Table 2, giving the nominal catches of all species (excluding shellfish) in the ICES Statistical Area (North-East-Atlantic), and
 - (iii) the present Table 2 be replaced by a new Table, giving the nominal catches of all species of shellfish for the same years, countries and fishing area as in the proposed new Table 1.
- B (3) that countries be urged to collect and report fishing effort statistics (e.g. hours fished, days fished, days on grounds, days absence, or trips) as indicated as alternatives in the Notes for the completion of STANA forms.
- B (4) that countries fishing for hake in the ICES area be urged to seek the necessary means for improving the reporting of nominal catch and where possible fishing effort data through the STANA Reporting System.
- B (5) that
- (i) the CWP's proposals regarding its future composition be approved by ICES, and that France be invited to replace Iceland in the Committee for the next two years.
 - (ii) the Council approve the new term of the Working Party as the "Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics in the North Atlantic".
 - (iii) the Working Party be established on an inter-agency basis.

GEAR AND BEHAVIOUR COMMITTEE

B-Recommendations

- B (1) FAO is preparing a questionnaire requesting information on sampling methods and amount of sampling. This scheme would also be very valuable for the work of the Council. The Committee therefore recommends:

that ICES should collaborate with FAO in this work and that the requests for information on sampling in the ICES area should be circulated through the ICES Secretariat.

- B (2) Noting that in the ISO Sub-Committee No. 9: Textile Products for Fishing Nets, which covers many fields of direct relevance to the work of the Gear and Behaviour Committee, few fishery experts are represented, and the Committee therefore recommends:

that ICES should encourage the member countries to let fisheries people participate in the work of this ISO Sub-Committee at the national level.

HYDROGRAPHY COMMITTEE

B- Recommendations

- B (1) The Hydrography Committee recommends that a Working Group on the Development of Marine Data Systems be set-up with the following terms of reference:-
- "to act as an advisory body as to how modern computer technology can best be used as a tool in the scientific interpretation of the oceanographic data collected by member countries of ICES, both on a unilateral and multilateral basis".
- B (2) The Hydrography Committee recommends that a meeting be held, at national expense, in Copenhagen within 6 months time, of heads of national oceanographic data centres in ICES countries, of representatives from those nations establishing and organising such centres and other interested parties. In view of the scope of the problems, it is suggested that at least 5 working days be set aside for the meeting.
- B (3) The Hydrography Committee recommends that UNESCO be contacted concerning publication in their Technical Reports of the results of the intercalibration experiments at Leningrad (1966) and at Copenhagen (1966).
- B (4) The Hydrography Committee recommends that Oslo University be approached concerning the possibility to held a training course for persons having at least three years of practical experience in marine chemistry and related subjects, under direction of Prof. E. Føyn, in 1969. The participation should not exceed 20 persons, and the duration of the course should be 4 weeks. The course should include theory, laboratory work and work at sea. It is further recommended that UNESCO should be approached for financial aid, so that this project becomes feasible. During the next annual meeting more exact details will be presented to the Hydrography Committee.

B-Recommendations of the Hydrography Committee (ctd.)

B (5) The Hydrography Committee recommends a continuation of the interlaboratory information sheet following the terms of reference as stated in the Procès-Verbal de la Réunion 1966 (ICES). A change of the cover sheet will be made, showing more clearly that it is not a publication but an interlaboratory report.

B (6) The Hydrography Committee recommends that the Service Hydrographique call for reports on 1967 observations at Ocean Weather Stations A, I, J, K, and M in January 1968, these reports to be collated and circulated about mid-year.

Information for earlier years is to be collected in slower time and circulated by Station, as they become available and time permits.

B (7) The Hydrography Committee recommends:

"(i) that the Lowestoft Laboratory be requested to supply the Service Hydrographique with a set of its tables of SST (Sea Surface Temperature) anomaly for the years 1905-54, in the waters around the British Isles and that the Service Hydrographique should supply copies of them at cost to any institution which requires them,

(ii) that the relevant committee members should be informed of this arrangement."

B (8) The Hydrography Committee recommends:

"(i) that the U.S. Fleet Numerical Weather Facility, Monterey, be requested to produce examples of monthly SST anomaly charts over the area covered by the ICES Atlas "Mean Monthly Temperature and Salinity of the Surface Layer of the North Sea and Adjacent Waters from 1905 to 1954" for various monthly and 15-day periods falling during the next 12 months,

(ii) that these sample charts be discussed at the 1968 Council Meeting and their value assessed."

B (9) The Hydrography Committee recognizing the usefulness of a permanent centre for synoptic fishery oceanography and taking into consideration the comments by the Pelagic Fish Committee recommends:

" to ask the General Secretary as the representative of ICES to the forthcoming meeting of IOC to explain the interest of ICES in synoptic fishery oceanography; and that the item be re-considered at the next Statutory Meeting of ICES".

FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

B-Recommendations

- B (1) The Fisheries Improvement Committee recommends that, for the purpose of assembling factual data regarding substances harmful or potentially harmful to fisheries being discharged or likely to be discharged into the North Sea, a Working Group be established consisting of one expert in the field of pollution from each member country concerned, assisted by two experts nominated by the Hydrography Committee.
- B (2) The Fisheries Improvement Committee recommends that, in view of the growing importance of artificial cultivation systems for fish and shellfish, member countries should give increasing attention to the promotion of basic studies of diseases and parasites which may cause severe losses under these conditions.

DEMERSAL FISH (NORTHERN) COMMITTEE

B-Recommendation.

- B(1)** The Council requests FAO to circulate a draft of the IWP area study to all interested scientists and recommends that members of the Committee should consider this draft carefully and send their comments directly to FAO. FAO is requested to prepare a revised draft in time for the 1968 ICES Meeting.

PELAGIC FISH (NORTHERN) COMMITTEE

B-Recommendations

- B (1) That Mr. A. Saville be appointed convener of the Herring Recruitment Symposium.
- B (2) The Committee noted with appreciation the negotiations held by the General Secretary and Norwegian authorities regarding the possibilities of establishing the International Herring Research Scheme in Fjellspollen.

The Committee recommended the draft of the Final Report of the Working Group on "The Establishment of an International Herring Research Scheme" to be finished and duplicated by May 1968. The draft should then be circulated to members of the Committee for comments and for the specification of research projects, their requirements and suggested sharing of costs by various laboratories of member countries.

- B (3) The Committee recommended that measurements of Northern Pelagic Fish should be reported to the interval "below". The interval being 1/2 cm in the case of herring, sprat, capelin and 1 cm in the case of horse mackerel. All reports should refer to the "total length". Each list for ICES publications should show the actual unit and technique of measurement.

SHELLFISH AND BENTHOS COMMITTEE

B-Recommendation

To permit workers in the field of shrimps and prawns to see copies of the papers read at the FAO World Conference on Shrimps and Prawns held in Mexico in June 1967 before they are published it was decided to recommend

- B (1) that FAO be asked to make available copies of
a) a list of titles and authors of papers read to the FAO Mexico Symposium and b) a list of the participants in ICES members countries, who will hold sets of the papers.

ANADROMOUS AND CATADROMOUS FISH COMMITTEE

B-Recommendation

- B (1) It was recommended to endorse the interim report (Doc. C.M.1967/M:27) of the ICES/ICNAF Working Party on North Atlantic Salmon, and to recommend the actions proposed by the Working Party.

MARINE MAMMALS COMMITTEE

B-Recommendations

- B (1) That the IBP Project on Marine Mammals (N:4) should in principle be supported. The Committee would especially welcome a Symposium on the lines proposed for 1969, on the understanding that it would be a comprehensive one in respect to representation by **research** workers, and to regions and subjects. It is assumed also that it would be essentially concerned with work in the general field of ecology.
- B (2) The possibility that the Marine Mammals Committee might act as the co-ordinating body was considered, but it was felt that although they were in a sense interested in all work on marine mammals, a committee primarily concerned with a defined geographical sphere might not be appropriate, and that in this context the Committee was more on a level with other interested bodies, such as IWC, ICNAF, SCAR, BAS and IUCN. The Marine Mammals Committee should not at least enter into any commitment at this stage.