

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

A-Recommendations

The Consultative Committee recommended:-

- A (1) That the Bureau and the Council should be asked to consider the Hydrography Committee's recommendation A (2) in the light of such advice as might be forthcoming from the meeting to be called in accordance with recommendation B (2), and the Secretariat was asked to consider what effects its implementation would have upon the organisation of the Service Hydrographique and its work.
- A (2) That Dr. Dickie (Canada) be invited to give a lecture at an open session on the results of the Food-Chain Symposium in relation to fishery biology, if arrangements can be made for such session at its next meeting.
- A (3) That a special meeting be held for one day in advance of the 1969 Statutory Meeting for discussion of methods for and application of biochemical identification (i.e. by sera, proteins etc.) of races of fish, with a special view to how these methods can be incorporated in the programmes for stock analysis.

Editorial Committee

Recommendations

- A (1) a) The Committee recommends that prices of the older publications be upgraded in accordance with a detailed proposal presented by the General Secretary.
- b) After upgrading, these old publications, of which only a limited stock (about 25 copies) are available, should first be offered for sale to libraries in member countries through the Delegates.
- c) A reprinting of issue 16 of the "Faune Ichthyologique" should be considered, and if it can be made for an acceptable price, full issues of the series should be sold for a price to be agreed upon with the bookseller.
- A (2) After ten years publications should normally be no longer available to member countries free of charge; they should be distributed through sale at the revised prices, excepting in special circumstances arising from exchange agreements.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

A Recommendations

- A (1) That the Liaison Committee should meet in order to finalise its report for NEAFC, in Copenhagen across 15th and 16th February, 1968.
- A (2) That the Secretary and coopted members should meet for up to three days in advance of the main meeting to prepare material for the report.
- A (3) That the North-East and North-West Working Group should meet concurrently in Copenhagen for a period of up to two weeks commencing 4th December, 1967, first as separate bodies, convened by Messrs. D.J. Garrod and R. Jones respectively, and then together under the Chairman of the Liaison Committee.
- A (4) That the Secretary of the Liaison Committee should meet with the Working Group under Rec. B (1).
- A (5) That Mr. A. Hylen be re-appointed Secretary of the Liaison Committee until the Statutory Meeting 1968.
- A (6) It was recommended that Mr. J. Dardignac be co-opted member of the Liaison Committee, and that Professor G. Hempel be co-opted in the place of Mr. J.J. Zijlstra.

GEAR AND BEHAVIOUR COMMITTEE

A-Recommendation

The Committee, reconfirming the need for holding a Training Course in the Use of Acoustic Methods in Fisheries Research (C.Res. 1966/3:10), recommends:

- A (1) (a) that this course be organized for 14 days during the period October 20 and November 15, 1968, and suggests Bergen, Norway as the most suitable plan for holding the course,
- that the number of trainees should not exceed 30. ICES member countries may send one person each. The remaining seats should be distributed between FAO and additional nominations from ICES members so that FAO nominates at least 5. Number of nominees exceeding 30 should be allocated by discussion between the convener, the FAO representative on the Working Group and the General Secretary,
- that a detailed programme for the course is to be prepared early next year by a Working Group consisting of Dr. D.H. Cushing, Mr. L. Midttun, Mr. B.B. Parrish, Mr. Sherbino, and Mr. G. Saetersdal (the latter having been nominated for this purpose by FAO), and the prospectus will then be circulated by ICES.
- The Working Group shall also propose suitable candidates for the course. It is estimated that 5 such instructors will be needed.
- (b) Assuming that FAO will bear the costs for one of the instructors and provide a training manual in the use of acoustic methods in fisheries research, provisions should be made for ICES to pay the expenses of travel, subsistence and honoraria for the remaining four instructors, the estimated total expense for ICES being approx. D.Kr. 15,000.
- (c) Training on board research vessels at sea will be an important part of the course and the Council should therefore invite countries possessing suitable large research vessels to make such vessels available for the use of the course during approximately one week.
- (d) That the Council should nominate Mr. Lars Midttun as the principal officer in charge of the course.

HYDROGRAPHY COMMITTEE

Recommendations

- A (1) The Hydrography Committee recommends that starting with the year 1967, its annual Administrative Report be replaced by a volume of charts and tables: Each country will submit annually (by February) to the Service Hydrographique
- (i) Ships track charts showing positions of each "oceanographic" station
 - (ii) A table summarising position and parameter programme. (A specimen format will be prepared by the Service Hydrographique).
- A rough estimate of the annual expenses involved in producing such a volume is D.Kr. 5,000.
- A (2) The Hydrography Committee recommends
- a) that countries with oceanographic data centres undertake the processing of national data and provide ICES with inventories of their national holdings
 - b) that ICES member countries with national data centres assume the responsibility of exchanging their data
 - c) that ICES is to continue punching and listing of surface and serial oceanographic data (at cost) for those countries which do not possess facilities for such work, and further to provide data exchange for these countries
 - d) that all ICES member countries complete their submission of pre-1963 oceanographic surface and serial data to ICES (excluding Canada) in order that these data may be included in the final issue of the ICES Oceanographic Data Lists
 - e) that Canada provides an inventory of national holdings of the Atlantic region
 - f) that BT data be no longer submitted to ICES nor should an inventory of the BT holdings of the member countries be kept by the Service Hydrographique.
- A (3) The Hydrography Committee recommends that the Report on the important results of the RHENO Expedition, that will be ready for printing in spring 1968, be published in the series Rapports et Procès-Verbaux.
- A (4) The Hydrography Committee recommends that a Symposium on "Physical variability in the North Atlantic" be held during three days preceding the 57th Statutory Meeting of the ICES in 1969.

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A (5) The Hydrography Committee recommends that two volumes on the results of the Joint Skagerrak Expedition in 1966 be published by ICES before the Statutory Meeting in 1968:-

- a) the standard observations (temperature, salinity, density, oxygen and nutrients) as well as the non-standard observations (current, turbidity, BT and TSD data) to be published as a volume of ICES Oceanographic Data Lists.

In accordance with Council Res.1965/3:4 an application should be sent to UNESCO for financial support for the preparation and publication of this material. Printing costs are estimated to be about D. kr. 20,000

- b) charts and sections showing the distribution of temperature, salinity, density, oxygen and phosphate for selected horizons and sections, to be published as a volume of the Cooperative Research Report series.

A (6) The Hydrography Committee, noting, that it is no longer possible for the final drawings of the IGY Atlas to be made at Lowestoft for the nominal sum of D. kr. 4000 and that the drawing of the remaining 69 charts and 128 sections by a draftsman will require 1700 man-hours, equvalating Dan. kr. 25,000 recommends that this amount be made available for this drawing work to be carried out before the next Statutory Meeting. Printing will not be undertaken during the budget year 1967-68.

PELAGIC FISH (NORTHERN) COMMITTEE

A-Recommendation

- A(1) The Committee recommends that the report of the Young Herring Working Group be completed by June 1968 for distribution to the Recruitment Symposium 1968, with a view to considering the publication in due course as a Cooperative Research Report.

COMITE DES POISSONS PELAGIQUES (SUD)

A-Recommendation

- A (1) Le Comité recommande que les rapports du Groupe de Travail sur le Thon Rouge pour 1965 et 1966 soient publiés dans "Statistical News Letters", et que le Dr. Tiëws sera demandé de réunir les deux rapports pour publication.

PLANKTON COMMITTEE

A -Recommendation

- A (1) The Plankton Committee strongly supports the proposals of the Hydrography Committee to continue the tables and diagrams of monthly surface temperature and salinity anomalies, and also to restart the synoptic hydrographic charts for limited areas.