

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dr. C. E. Lucas

1st Session, Monday 9th October at 9.00

All members were present, and the President and the General Secretary took part in the meeting.

Agenda, Items 1 and 2. - The Chairman welcomed the participants, outlined the problems which would be before the Committee at this session, and he and the General Secretary informed the Committee about relevant parts of the Bureau's decision at its last meeting.

Agenda, Item 3. - The Committee considered the Programme of Proceedings and made several adjustments (which were afterwards circulated to all participants).

Agenda, Item 4 a) and b) - Administrative Reports and Annales Biologiques (C.M.1967/A:1 and A:2). These will be considered by the Committee at its session on Saturday October 14th.

Agenda, Item 4 c) - The FAO Studies on Marine Resources Appraisal (C.M.1967/Gen:2). The relevant Chairmen were invited to present this document to their Committees during the week, and it was hoped that Mr. Gulland would be able to attend each of these Committees' meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.00 and resumed at 13.00.

Agenda, Item 4 d) - (Comments by WMO on the Proposal for a Permanent Centre of Synoptic fishery Oceanography (C.M.1967/C:15)). The General Secretary reported that he had the same morning received comments on the same projects from FAO and IOC. The document already available was referred to the Hydrography Committee, and the Chairman of that Committee in consultation with the General Secretary was asked to make suitable arrangements for consideration of the comments from FAO and IOC together with the comments to be received from the four Fish Committees.

Agenda, Item 4 e) - Meteorological Service to Shipping and other Marine Activities (C.M.1967/C:36) was referred to the Hydrography Committee.

Agenda, Item 4 f) and g) - Report of the 1st Meeting of the IOC Working Group on Marine Pollution and the Recommendation of the Helgoland Symposium on Marine Pollution Studies (C.M.1967/E:11 and E:12) were referred to the Fisheries Improvement Committee, to be considered in consultation with the Chairman of the Hydrography Committee.

Item 4 h) - The International Herring Research Scheme (C.M.1967/H:2) was referred to the Pelagic Fish (Northern) Committee.

Item 4 i) - IBP Note on Salmon (C.M.1967/M:11) was referred to the Anadromous and Catadromous Fish Committee.

Item 4 k) - IBP Programme on Marine Mammals (C.M.1967/N:4) was referred to the Marine Mammals Committee.

Item 4 l) - Other matters referred to the Consultative Committee included references from the Bureau concerning a recommendation, which is expected from the Pelagic Fish (Southern) Committee, as to an Observer at the forthcoming meeting of the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean, and the Bureau Doc./No.135 (Information on Techniques and Methods for Sea-Water Analysis) where advice was asked for from the Hydrography Committee.

Agenda, Item 6 - Election of Chairman. The election was conducted by the General Secretary. After secret nomination Mr. B. B. Parrish was elected Chairman for the next three years' period, by secret ballot.

Agenda, Item 7 - It was decided to discuss at the next meeting arrangements for the planned hydro-acoustic Course. The Chairman of the Gear and Behaviour Committee raised the question about the implementation of the recommendation of the Joint ICES/ICNAF Sampling Meeting 1964, and the relevant Chairmen were asked to remind their Committees that most national representatives had not yet given the desired report on the implementation of the meeting's recommendations.

The question was raised about the suitability of having at some later date a special meeting on serology of fishes and related questions, and the Chairmen of the five Fish Committees were asked to have their Committees' views on the desirability of such a meeting, together with the scope, if desirable.

2nd Session, Saturday 14th October at 9.30 a.m.

The Chairman welcomed the new chairmen (Messrs. Carlin, Elisson, Jonsson and Zijlstra) and thanked the outgoing ones (Professor Hempel, Dr. Mackintosh and Mr. Parrish) for their collaboration during their term of office.

The Committee thereafter considered recommendations from the different committees.

The Liaison Committee had so far passed the following recommendations, which were all adopted by this committee:-

- A (1) That the Liaison Committee should meet in order to finalize 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 (other members, Messrs. Treschev, Ponomarenko, Meyer, Schumacher, Joenson, Jónsson and Knudsen, and also the Secretary of the Liaison Committee).
- 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.
- A (4) That the Secretary of the Liaison Committee should meet with the Working Group under Rec. B (1).

The Editorial Committee's report was presented by the chairman and noted for the Committee's information.

The Gear and Behaviour Committee's report was presented by the Chairman (Mr. Steinar Olsen).

Rec. A (1), thirds paragraph, was re-worded as follows:-

"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."

Rec. B (2) - add at the end: "at the national level."

Fisheries Improvements Committee

The report was presented by its Chairman (dr. Cole). Attention was drawn to the paragraph on the IOC Working Group Report, where the Committee wished it to be clearly understood that ICES could not take responsibility for "regional pollution monitoring" in the ~~sense~~ sense of inspection or control. ICES is, however, ready to provide scientific advice ("monitoring" meaning, "watching and recording"). The Consultative Committee was informed that the Hydrography Committee's nominees to the Working Group proposed under B (1) were Messrs. Dorrestein and Weichart.

With these observations, the Committee's report and recommendations were endorsed.

Demersal Fish (Northern) Committee.

The report was presented by the Chairman (Professor Nikolsky), who drew attention to the fact that an account of answers to a questionnaire concerning sampling methods might be included in the printed report.

Paragraph 6 on the first page of the report was understood to contain a recommendation (cf. Liaison Recommendation B (1)).

Recommendations B (1) and B (2) were deleted because they are covered by Liaison Committee recommendations and the following changes were made in the remaining ones:-

- B (3) (to be re-lettered B (1)): line 1: delete "Committee" and insert "Council". Insert "IWP" at the end of the line.
- B (4) (to be re-lettered B (2)): decision postponed.
- C (1) line 1: add between "that" and "the": "in relation to the future form of administrative reports".

With these changes, the report and recommendations were endorsed.

Demersal Fish (Southern) Committee

The report was presented by its Chairman (Dr. Lozano). It was noted that the report from the ad hoc Working Group on hake will be appended to this Committee's report. There were no recommendations.

The Chairman congratulated the Committee with a good start, and the report was endorsed.

Anadromous and Catadromous Fish Committee

The report was presented by the Committee's Chairman (Dr. Carlin). It was noted that the word "workers" in the first paragraph (2nd line) should be "eel-workers".

The ICES/ICNAF Working Party's report was presented by its Chairman, Mr. Parrish.

The Committee's recommendations were re-arranged to read as follows:-

- 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.
- C (1) It was recommended that further comparative tagging tests should be made in Canada and Iceland.
- The report and these recommendations were endorsed.

The Pelagic Fish (Southern) Committee

The report was presented by its chairman (M. Letaconnoux).

Rec. A (1): add at the end: "et que le Dr. Tiens sera demandé de réunir les deux rapports pour publication."

Rec C(1): delete: "et le maquereau".

Rec. C (2): add at the end: "du thon rouge."

With these changes, the report and the recommendations were endorsed, and the Chairman was congratulated as to the Committee's work during its first year.

In connection with this Committee's report, the Consultative Committee passed a recommendation

- C (1) "that the two Pelagic Fish Committees be requested to agree to a common method of reporting mackerel length measurements, and if possible also to a common method of measurement. If this last cannot be achieved, a conversion factor should be supplied."

The Pelagic Fish (Northern) Committee

The report was presented by the Committee's Chairman (Prof. G. Hempel).

Recommendation A (1) was amended by deleting the words "and duplicated by ICES" and the word "Stock" in lines 2 and 3.

Recommendation B (1) was re-lettered C (1) and a new B (1) inserted as follows:-

- B (1) "That Mr. A. Saville be appointed convener of the Herring Recruitment Symposium."

Rec. B (2): in the last line but one the word "proposed" should be replaced by "suggested".

Rec. B (3): delete in line 4 "of mackerel and".

Consideration of recommendation B (4) was deferred until the Statistics Committee's report is available. Consideration of Rec. C (3) was also deferred until the other committees views were known.

There was a full discussion on the report from the Ad hoc Working Group to estimate requirements for an International Tagging Experiment of Immature Herring in the Bløden Area, and it was decided to continue consideration of this item at the next session of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 16.30.

3rd Session, Monday 16th October at 9.30

Liaison Committee. The Chairman mentioned that he had agreed with the Secretary of that Committee, Mr. Hylen, that he should continue until the next Statutory Meeting, by which time it might be necessary to appoint a new Secretary.

Pelagic Fish (Northern) Committee

The Committee discussed at length the proposals to undertake a new tagging experiment in the North Sea. Reference is given to the attached Memorandum, in which the Consultative Committee's recommendations are given.

Hydrography Committee

The report was presented by the Committee's Chairman, Professor Dietrich. The various recommendations were endorsed with the following changes:-

- A (2) The Consultative Committee recommended that the Bureau and the Council should be asked to consider this recommendation 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 (3) Delete last sentence.
- A (5) Delete last line in paragraph b), and the rest of the recommendation.
- B (1) The terms of reference of the Working Group to be formulated as follows:-
 - "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 the member countries of ICES, both on a unilateral and multi-lateral basis"
- B (2) It was recommended that the meeting should be restricted to member countries, if possible with observer(s) from U.S.A.
- B (4) The recommendation is re-worded as follows:-
 - "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....."

- B (6) The word "published" in paragraphs 1 and 2 were replaced by "circulated".
- B (7) Paragraph (ii) was changed as follows:-
"that the relevant committee members should be informed of this arrangement".
- B (9) The paragraphs a) and b) were combined as follows:-
"to ask the General Secretary as the representative of ICES to the forthcoming meeting of IOC to explain the interests of ICES in synoptic fishery oceanography; and that the item be re-considered at the next Statutory Meeting of ICES".

With these changes, which were all accepted by the Committee's Chairman, the Committee's report and recommendations were endorsed.

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The President and the General Secretary informed the Committee about a large number of complaints being received by them because of the changes made in the "blue programme" this year, and the Committee agreed to consider this item later on its agenda.

The President, having to leave the meeting at this stage, would like to thank the outgoing Chairman, Dr. C. E. Lucas, on behalf of the Bureau, for the friendly and effective way in which he had during the last five years conducted the Committee proceedings.

The Chairman thanked the President and through him also former presidents for being present at the Committees sessions and giving their advice.

Statistics Committee

The report was presented by the Committee Chairman, Mr. B. B. Parrish. The report and recommendations were endorsed.

Shellfish and Benthos Committee

The report was presented by the Committee Chairman, Mr. A. C. Simpson. The report and recommendations were endorsed.

Plankton Committee

The report was presented by the Committee Chairman, Dr. J. H. Fraser. Recommendation C (1) was replaced by the following:-

- C (1) 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".

With this change the report was endorsed.

Marine Mammals Committee

The report was presented by the Committee Chairman, Dr. N. A. Mackintosh. The following changes were made in the recommendations:-

- B (1) Delete from "Subject believes".
B (2) Add "SCAR and BAS" after ICNAF and delete FAO.

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Liaison Committee

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.

Report of North Sea Synopsis Working Group

With some drafting changes, the report was endorsed.

Administrative Reports

It had earlier been recommended that the Hydrography Committee's report be changed in accordance with a recommendation from that Committee, and that the Statistics Committee will in the future be asked to produce a report. Because these documents, however, will have fulfilled their purpose at the Statutory Meetings, the Consultative Committee recommended:

"that the reporting and publication of the Administrative Report be discontinued".

Annales Biologiques

It was recommended that area chairmen summaries should in the future not be included, but that experts - not necessarily chairmen - should be invited to write summaries on herring and cod, respectively. The other suggestions contained in Document A:2 were considered editorial matters; while the Committee had no objection to them, they were left for the Editor's decision.

West African Working Group

The Committee had been asked for advice as to the Council's representation on the Working Group. Some discussions had been undertaken with FAO's representatives during this meeting, and it was recommended 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 Group.

General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean

It was recommended that the Council's Observers at the forthcoming session be M. Cl. Maurin and Dr. F. Lozano.

WMO Request for Advice (C.M.1967/C:36)

The Chairman of the Hydrography Committee suggested that the Council should in its answer, refer to the desirability of including data on depth of the discontinuity layer. The Committee 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, the Committee felt that the Council would perhaps not be the right body to comment upon them in detail.

Food-Chain Symposium and Canary Island Symposium

Reports from ad hoc Working Groups concerning these two Symposia were before the Committee, and were endorsed.

List of Experts engaged in Fisheries Investigations

The Working Group's Report was endorsed.

Allotment of Meeting Sessions during Statutory Meetings

It was recommended that in the future three half days be allotted to each of the two Northern Fish Committees, and two half days to each of the other Committees.

Extra Meeting-Day in 1969

The Committee had before them the suggestion that at some future meeting time should be available for an extra discussion of serology and related matters, and the Committee passed the following recommendation:-

"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".

The outgoing Chairman, Dr. C. E. Lucas, who left the Committee after a period 19 years, the five last ones as its Chairman, thanked the Committee and the Council's Secretariat for friendly co-operation and the new Chairman, Mr. B. B. Parrish, expressed the Committee's warm thanks to Dr. Lucas. The period of his chairmanship had been of great development in the Council's affairs, to a great extent due to his leadership in this important part of the Council's machinery.

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