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Faeroe Question.

Wednesday 26th, October 1955.

The Chairman (Dr. A. V. Tåning) opened the meeting at 9.30 a.m. Representations of Denmark, France, Germany, Norway and the United Kingdom were present.

Referring to the recommendations of 1948, which represented the working programme for the sub-committee, the Chairman drew attention to the possibility that it might this year be possible to make recommendations to the Distant Northern Seas Committee regarding the problems laid before it.

Reports on the present position in the Faeroe region, including assessment of eggs, larvae and fishable stocks, were presented from Denmark and the United Kingdom. After discussing these in relation to earlier reports, the sub-committee came to the following conclusions:-

1. The recent statistics gave less cause for anxiety about the stocks of haddock and cod than had been felt earlier.
2. It was not possible to report any significant relationship between recruitment to the commercial stocks and the size of the spawning stocks.

Bearing in mind (a) the introduction in 1954 of a minimum mesh regulation (75 mm) by the Permanent Commission and (b) the recent agreement between Denmark, and the United Kingdom on Fishery Limits at Faeroe, the sub-committee felt that it would be necessary for a few years to elapse before the results of these conservation measures could be measured.

In the hope that circumstances would remain stable long enough for such an assessment to be made, and in the assurance that the countries concerned would maintain their investigations into the Faeroe stocks, the sub-committee recommended:-

That it was no longer necessary for the sub-committee to meet, although it was hoped that the Distant Northern Seas Committee would pay special attention to the state of the stocks of Faeroe, both in relation to the recent conservation measures and in relation to environment and changes.

At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Tåning was warmly thanked for his work as chairman over a long period.