

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dr. A. E. J. Went

The Committee met on 1st October to consider, *inter alia*, the arrangements for meetings of the various Committees and the necessity for meetings in addition to those set out in the programme. At the meeting on 1st October Dr. C.B. Lucas was elected Chairman in succession to Dr. A.E.J. Went, whose term of office expires on 31st October, 1962.

The Committee also met on 6th and 8th October to consider the reports of Committees and other matters arising at the 1962 meeting. Except where indicated below the reports of the Committees and recommendations therefrom were agreed. Changes or additions were made as follows:-

Baltic-Belt Seas Committee

It was pointed out by the Chairman of the Hydrographic Committee that the hydrographical cruises mentioned in the programme of work were being organised not by the Hydrographical Committee but by a group of hydrographers from the Baltic area.

Atlantic Committee

When consideration was given to the report of this Committee it was recognised by the Consultative Committee that in the near future it might be necessary to establish a new Committee to deal with tropical regions of the Atlantic.

Gadoid Fish Committee

It was pointed out that suitable substitutes might have to be obtained if any of the persons nominated to constitute a working group to undertake revision of the synopsis of biological data on the cod, prepared by FAO, were unable to act.

Scombriform Fish Committee

The General Secretary was asked to take the necessary action to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee.

Salmon and Trout Committee

The Consultative Committee recommends to the Council that, for the time being, collaboration with EIFAC should be effected through the Chairman of this Committee, who will be EIFAC's present observer to the Council.

Shellfish Committee

The Consultative Committee noted with satisfaction the report of the successful "Special Meeting to consider Problems in the Exploitation and Regulation of Fisheries for Crustacea" and offered its best thanks to Dr. H.A. Cole (Convenor), Dr. H.J. Thomas (Rapporteur) and Dr. P. Korringa, Chairman of the Committee, for the admirable way the meeting had been conducted. The Consultative Committee recommends that the papers and results of this Special Meeting should be published in a special volume (see Recommendation below). The Consultative Committee also approved the recommendation of the Shellfish Committee in relation to a world meeting to be devoted to the biology and culture of shrimps and prawns, contemplated by FAO and recommends that the Council should communicate the terms of this recommendation by the Shellfish Committee to FAO in due course.

Comparative Fishing Committee

The Consultative Committee recommends that the "Symposium on the Measurement of Abundance of Fish Stocks" should take place for four days before the 1963 Annual Meeting and that the special attention of delegates should be drawn to this important event.

Hydrographical Committee

The Consultative Committee, whilst recognising the need for an exchange of information on the presence and effect of artificial radionuclides in the sea considered that for the time being this exchange and dissemination of information could best be arranged in the normal way through existing Committees thus making a special Sub-committee unnecessary.

Near Northern Seas Committee

The Consultative Committee noted with satisfaction the completion of the report of the Working Group on Sole and offered its best thanks to Dr. P. Korringa and others who have participated in the work of the Group. (See Recommendation below.)

Plankton Committee

The Consultative Committee asked the General Secretary to make inquiries as to the cost of arranging meetings of the Working Groups referred to in this Committee's report. When the necessary estimates are available the Consultative Committee recommends that the Council should approach UNESCO and other interested organisations for contributions towards the cost of the scheme.

Herring Committee

The proposal to establish an International Herring Research Scheme was the subject of a special report by the Herring Committee. Prof. G.V. Nikolsky pointed out that if approval were given for the establishment of a working group the U.S.S.R. representative named might have to be substituted by some other person. The draft scheme was discussed at considerable length by the Consultative Committee. The Consultative Committee was of the firm opinion that there were considerable merits in the scheme. It was considered, however, that the costs of visits to Norway by the small group of experts should be met by the nations from which they are drawn. If this does not prove feasible the Consultative Committee decided that the Herring Committee should examine the results of surveys to be made by Norway and resubmit the proposal at the next meeting of the Council.

Statistical Committee

The Consultative Committee offered its best thanks to Mr. L.P.D. Gertenbach for valuable assistance rendered to the Statistical Committee during the meeting and asked the General Secretary to convey this expression of gratitude to Mr. Gertenbach.

Recommendations involving expenditure

The following recommendations involving expenditure on the part of the Council in the next financial year were agreed, namely:-

1. That the papers submitted to the "Special Meeting to consider Problems in the Exploitation and Regulation of Fisheries for Crustacea" be published at an estimated cost of 35,000 Kr.
2. That the report of the Working Group on Sole be published in the Cooperative Research Reports at an estimated cost of 4,000 Kr.
3. That a "lay-out plan" for the chemical punch-card, together with samples of the card and proforma sheet be printed and distributed as Annex I to the manual "ICES Oceanographical Punch Cards" at a cost of 1,000 Kr.
4. That provision for a 3-day meeting in Copenhagen of the Sub-Committee for the Investigation of Sub-Arctic Deep Water Overflow of the Iceland-Faroe Ridge at a cost of 4,200 Kr. should be made.
5. That funds be made available for the General Secretary to represent the Council at the next meeting in Rome of the FAO/ICES/ICNAF Continuing Working Group at a cost of 2,000 Kr.
6. That funds be made available for the Council's share (2,000 Kr.) of producing the Stana 1E forms.
7. That funds (ca. 1,000 Kr.) be made available to print cards giving the tagging release data referred to in the relevant recommendation.

Reporting of releases of tagged or marked fish

The question of a system for reporting releases of tagged or marked fish was discussed by the Consultative Committee which recommends that

the Council should adopt the ICNAF system of reporting releases of tagged or marked fish. The Committee also recommends that

- (a) A coded list of tags and marks used in the ICES area, with brief descriptions and, where necessary, illustrations, should be prepared.
- (b) The attention of ICNAF should be drawn to this plan, with an invitation to join ICES in preparing a list of tags and marks used in the North Atlantic.
- (c) Suitable lists should be published in the Journal du Conseil and distributed as offprints.
- (d) The appropriate code number in the list should be entered under "tag or mark type" on the tag or mark release card when making the return, and whenever a new type is used this should be noted on the release card, accompanied by a brief description and illustration.

Standard working charts. (Appendix III to the Herring Committee Report)

The Consultative Committee considered a report from the Chairmen of the Herring, Near Northern Seas and Hydrographic Committees in relation to the need for standard working charts. The Committee decided that before definite action was taken, the General Secretary should make the necessary inquiries as to the cost of printing the charts mentioned in the report with a view to bringing the matter before the Committee at the next meeting of the Council.

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Miscellaneous

The arrangements for meetings in 1962 were discussed generally and it was pointed out that some contributors still failed to adhere to the deadlines set out in the General Secretary's letter dated 8th June, 1962. It was decided that in future these deadlines be enforced. Papers not received by 15th August cannot be reproduced by the Council and unless titles are received by 15th September from those contributors who prefer to reproduce the papers themselves, the titles will not be included in the yellow list of "Contributions to be presented at the Statutory Meeting".

Members of the Consultative Committee referred to the practice of citing by certain workers of contributions to the meetings of ICES. The Committee felt that this was an undesirable practice and it was decided that in future all contributions should have at the top of the first page a statement. This paper not to be cited without prior reference to the author.

The Committee recommends that Mr. L.K. Boerema, who is eligible for re-appointment should be appointed Secretary to the Liaison Committee. The Committee also offered its best thanks to Mr. Boerema for his valuable work in 1962.

The Committee expressed its best thanks to Dr. A.E.J. Went, outgoing Chairman of the Consultative, to Mr. J. Jónsson, Prof. G.V. Nikolsky, Mr. B.B. Parrish and Dr. H. Vilela outgoing Chairmen of the Distant Northern Seas, the Salmon and Trout, the Herring and the Scombriform Fish Committees, respectively. The best thanks of the Committee were also tendered to Dr. C.B. Lucas, outgoing Chairman of the Statistical Committee who becomes the new Chairman of the Consultative Committee. The Consultative Committee offered Dr. Lucas its fullest cooperation during his term of office.

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North Sea Synopsis

The Committee considered the report from Dr. J.N. Carruthers on the subject of the North Sea Synopsis planned by FAO. The Committee felt that in order that this Synopsis should be a reliable document the cooperation of experts in many fields would be needed. Accordingly the Committee recommends that the General Secretary should be authorised to communicate with all delegates requesting them to encourage experts in their countries to contribute material to the limit of their resources. The Committee also asked the Council to convey its grateful thanks to Dr. J.N. Carruthers for the interest he has shown in this matter and for acting on behalf of the Council in connection therewith.
