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MINUTES OF THE ACMP MEETING

Members present:

Chairman: G. Berge, H.W. Hill,
J. Stewart, G. Weichart, C.P. Ruggles,
Rapporteur: J. Pawlak

1. Agenda Item I - Adoption of Agenda
The agenda was approved as it stood.
2. Agenda Item 2 - Liaison with Commissions for the Control of the Marine Pollution.

The Environment Officer reported on the results of meetings of the Scientific - Technological Working Group of the Interim Helsinki Commission, the SACSA of the Oslo Commission, and the technical Working Group of the Interim Paris Commission, at which the ACMP Report to the Commissions had been presented together with several specific reports annexed to it. The Environment Officer stated that all reports had been very well received and that specific comments had been made regarding the great value of the information contained in them. Moreover, Annex I of the ACMP report had been submitted to the London Dumping Commission for information at its meeting 25-30 September 1977.

With regard to further advice, no requests had been made by any of the Commission technical groups. However, there had been much discussion concerning TiO_2 - waste dumping at the SACSA/TWG meetings. Thus, H. Hill was asked to look into whether it is possible to specify more precisely monitoring requirements for TiO_2 - waste dumping grounds.

The issue of monitoring requirements was remitted to the Working Group on Marine Pollution Baseline and Monitoring Studies in the North Atlantic for further consideration in general and on the basis of reports to C.M. 1978 on the use of organisms for monitoring.

3. Agenda Item 3 - Matters brought up by Area and Subject Committees which may lead to action by ACMP.

From the Fisheries Improvement Committee meeting, the members felt that the issue of defining pollution was an important and provocative one. Additionally, the members felt that the problems encountered with the use of whole animals to monitor/study the effects of pollutants were so great as to require the study of possible alternatives, such as the use of

specific organs only or the use of bioassays. It was felt that the aims of the monitoring program must be fully considered before deciding on what compartments and techniques should be used. The ACMP requested the Working Group to reconsider this issue at its next meeting in May on the background of new information presented at C.M. 1977 and assembled by the secretariat.

All ACMP members were asked to look through the papers of the Statutory Meeting to determine whether any were specifically interesting to the ACMP to prepare proposal for action by ACMP on such papers to the mid-term meeting of the ACMP.

4. Agenda Item 4 - Intersessional Work

- a) Atmospheric deposition - the Committee decided not to recommend any further action now, pending the results of Secretariat contact with WMO on this subject.
- b) Input Study in North Atlantic - It was decided that a detailed analysis of the data should be made. A small group was established to carry out this work, consisting of Dr. J. Portmann, Dr. A. Svansson, the Environment Officer and a French representative.
- c) Additional baseline data from the U.S. - Doc. C.M. 1977/E:34 was remitted to the Working Group for further consideration.
- d) Open Ocean Monitoring - the recommendation on the establishment of a joint UNEP/IOC/ICES Open Ocean Monitoring Working Group was adopted because the Committee felt that ICES had a great deal to contribute to the international work in this area and that such a joint group could provide financial assistance to the ICES programs in this area.
- e) Special Projects - the committee noted that a special session will take place at C.M. 1978 to deal with the results of BOSEX, MARMAP and other similar projects.
- f) Document on monitoring philosophy - The Committee reaffirmed the establishment of the group constituted at its mid-term meeting and proposed that Mr. A. Preston act as Coordinator.

5. Agenda Item 5 - Composition and role of ACMP.

A list of suggested persons to be coopted was drawn up in the event that it should be needed.

6. Agenda Item 6 - Any other business.

The Environment Officer brought up a request by Dr. A. Svansson that approval be given for the publication as a Cooperative Research Report of the document "Assessment of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area". As the ACMP had not recommended that this report be published as an ACMP report, the question was whether it could be published under Dr. Svansson

and his co-authors' names. The Committee had no objection to the publication of the document under Dr. Svanssons name but felt that the issue was out of their hands and should be referred to the Publications Committee for further consideration.

7. Agenda Item 7 - Place and date for next ACMP Meeting.

It was decided to hold the mid-term meeting in Charlottenlund on 13-16 June 1978.

The Advisory Committee on Marine Pollution recommends that:

II(1) the mid-term meeting of the Advisory Committee on Marine Pollution should be held in Charlottenlund from 13-16 June 1978.