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Eighteenth Annual Meeting, 20-22 November 1979

Press Notice

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission took place in London from 20th to 22nd November 1979. The Chair was taken by the President, Captain J C E Cardoso (Portugal). Delegations attended from the following Member States:

Bulgaria, Cuba, the Faroe Islands, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Iceland, Poland, Portugal, Spain and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Observers represented:

Canada, the European Economic Community, the ICES, Norway, Sweden and the USA.

Future of NEAFC

The future of the Commission was discussed. It was decided to convene a Working Group in the second half of February 1980 in which it is hoped to resolve differences reflected in the text emerging from the Diplomatic Conference held in London in 1978. It is hoped that agreement will be reached on the new Convention and that the transition from the old NEAFC to the new Commission can be effected smoothly at the next Annual Meeting in November 1980.

Relationship with the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

The Commission reaffirmed its relationship with ICES and sought from it the normal full range of advice on the assessment of fish stocks in 1980.

Report by the Advisory Committee on Fishery Management

The Commission considered the Report of the Advisory Committee on Fishery Management (ICES) and unanimously welcomed the work which it represented. As well as providing valuable advice on stock assessments in the NEAFC area, it presented a comprehensive report on the biology, distribution and state of exploitation of many stocks in the Convention Area. The Commission welcomed the intention of ICES to study in the coming year the state of Blue Whiting stocks in the area and give advice on their management if this should prove necessary.

Recommendations

Recommendation (3)(A): Attachments to Nets

Recommendation 6: Skagerrak and Kattegat

The Commission agreed to extend the period of operation of these recommendations until 1st January 1981.

Arrangements for Future Meetings

It was agreed that the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Commission would be held in London during the period 17th to 21st November 1980.

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