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Administrative Report for the Year ending 30 June 1958  
(covering the period up to 31 May 1958)

1. U.S.S.R. Becomes a Member of the Commission

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics notified the Depository Government on April 10, 1958 of its adherence to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, and on that date the Convention entered into force with respect to U.S.S.R.

By this action U.S.S.R. has, as of that date, become a member of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

U.S.S.R. fishing vessels have in recent years been working in parts of the Convention Area, and researches have been carried out in connection with the fishery.

Co-operation between U.S.S.R. and ICNAF has already been in existence for some years. U.S.S.R. observers have participated in our recent annual meetings and have reported on the U.S.S.R. research work in our Area. This co-operation can now be extended to the mutual benefit of all twelve member countries.

2. Officers during the Year

Chairman of Commission	- Mr. Klaus Sunnanå, Norway
Vice-Chairman of Commission	- Mr. A.J. Suomela, U.S.A.
Chairman Panel 1	- Captain Tavares de Almeida, Portugal
" Panel 2	- Mr. A. Carusi, Italy
" Panel 3	- Dr. J. Ancellin, France
" Panel 4	- Mr. F.W. Sargent, U.S.A.
" Panel 5	- Mr. G.R. Clark, Canada

The above officers were elected at the Annual Meeting in Lisbon in May 1957, and are serving for a period of two years.

Chairman of Standing Committee on Finance and Administration -  
Mr. J.H. MacKichan, Canada.

Chairman of Standing Committee on Research and Statistics -  
Dr. L.A. Walford, U.S.A.

These two chairmen hold office for a period of one year.

3. Changes in the Secretariat

At the 1957 Annual Meeting it was decided to establish from 1st July, 1957 a new position of typist. Miss Else Poulsen, Halifax, was appointed to this position.

Miss Jean Maclellan, who had served as Clerk-Stenographer since November 1954, resigned on 7th February, 1958. Miss Joan Edwards, Halifax, was appointed to the vacant position.

4. Newsletters

Newsletters were distributed from headquarters in order to circulate information relevant to the Commission's activities and interests on 7 October 1957, 16 December 1957, 14 March 1958, and 2 June 1958.

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5. Panel Memberships 1957-58

Country	Panel No.					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
Canada		+	+	+	+	4
Denmark	+					1
France	+	+	+	+		4
Germany	+					1
Iceland	+					1
Italy	+	+	+	+		4
Norway	+					1
Portugal	+	+	+	+		4
Spain	+	+	+	+		4
United Kingdom	+		+			2
United States			+	+	+	3
TOTAL	9	5	7	6	2	29

6. Commission's Publications

The Annual Proceedings vol. 5 for the year 1956-57, was issued in October 1957.

The Statistical Bulletin, vol. 6, for the year 1956, is at present in press. It is expected to be ready for circulation in early June.

The Sampling Yearbook, vol. 1, for the years 1955 and 1956, was issued in April 1958. This new publication includes in tabular form, length measurements, age determinations and other data relating to the stocks of commercial species, collected by member countries in ports or on board fishing vessels or research vessels. Part of this material has up to now been published in the Research Reports in the Annual Proceedings. The Sampling Yearbook was reproduced in the Secretariat by an off-set method.

A report on the meeting of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics in Biarritz, France in March 1956, including a series of contributions from this meeting, which was concerned in the main with methods to be used in fishery research, has been prepared and edited by the Chairman of that Committee. The final typescript and arrangements for publication were made in the Secretariat and the report is now being reproduced by an off-set method by a Halifax firm. It will be ready for distribution in June 1958.

7. Co-operation with other International Organizations

This co-operation by means of exchange of observers and of reports and publications has been continued along the same lines and with the same organizations as in recent years (vide Ann. Proc. vol. 7, p. 6).

In May-June 1957 a joint Workshop on Population Dynamics and Gear Selection was held by FAO, ICES and ICNAF in Lisbon, Portugal, just following the Annual ICNAF Meeting. A report of this meeting will be forthcoming.

8. Co-operation with Non-member Countries

Co-operation with U.S.S.R. on the collection of fishery statistics and on researches has been continued through the fiscal year.

The exchange of publications with fishery institutions in a number of non-member countries has been maintained.

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## 9. Research Programs

Research programs for the year 1958 were forwarded from member countries to the Secretariat in the months December 1957 to April 1958. They were distributed within the Commission, together with a summary prepared in the Secretariat during the same months.

Particulars regarding the hydrographic work were forwarded to the CSAGI (International Geophysical Year 1957-58) through the special committee appointed by ICES.

Following a request by the Commission, Mr. John Corlett, Lowestoft, England, has prepared a paper dealing with the requirements for plankton researches in the Convention Area. The paper, which is distributed for the 1958 Annual Meeting (Serial No. 529, Document No.4), is intended to form a basis for the consideration of a Plankton Research Program for the ICNAF Area.

## 10. Research Summaries

Summaries of research in 1957 have been received from a number of member countries during the first months of 1958 and are distributed as documents for the 1958 Annual Meeting.

## 11. Sampling

Following a decision of the 1956 Annual Meeting, data from samples of fish taken both by commercial vessels and research vessels have been reported to the Commission and after being edited and converted to the Commission's standard form, have been published in the ICNAF Sampling Yearbook Vol. 1. Age, length and weight data on the cod, haddock and redfish from 1955 and 1956 were included.

Material for the 1957 Sampling Yearbook Vol. 2 is now being sent to the Secretariat by scientists of member countries. Volume 2 of the Sampling Yearbook, which will be published in due course, will also include data from 1956 which could not be worked up in time for the earlier volume.

## 12. Collection of Statistics

The Commission's collecting of statistics and the compilation of the data in the Secretariat have been continued according to the Commission's requirements. In all cases the high standard of collecting statistics by member countries has been maintained and in several cases additional detail has been added to the statistical submissions. It appears that the statistical submissions for the 1957 fishery will be in hand earlier than usual and this will permit an earlier publication date for the Statistical Bulletin, which is highly desirable.

After this year's experience, the use of I.B.M. cards in processing the statistics for the Bulletin has become routine. This has permitted more time to be spent on other urgent statistical questions, especially the Sampling Yearbook.

The collection of data on the species, quantities and sizes of fish discarded at sea has lagged behind, but there are signs from the statistical reports of a few member countries that more attention is being paid to this fundamental question.

## 13. List of Vessels Fishing in the Convention Area

A detailed list of all the vessels of 50 gross tons and over fishing in the Convention Area has been prepared for publication as an

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ICNAF Meeting Document (Serial No. 526, Document No. 3).

A summary of the numbers of all vessels and boats fishing in the Convention Area has been included in the Statistical Bulletin Vol.6 (in press) and it is intended that such a summary will have a permanent place in the Statistical Bulletin, whereas the detailed list will be published as a circular every three years.

14. Eighth Annual Meeting

The Eighth Annual Meeting is being convened in Halifax at Dalhousie University during the week 9-14 June, 1958. It is preceded by meetings of the Research Committee and of groups of Advisers on 4-7 June.

15. Other Matters

In December 1957 meetings of groups of Advisers to Panels 3, 4, and 5 were held in Quebec, Canada. Biologists from various member countries represented in the respective panels participated, as did also the Executive Secretary and the Biologist-Statistician.

Following invitations, the Executive Secretary attended a fishery meeting sponsored by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada in Ottawa in January and a meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada in Halifax in April 1958.

Canadian and U.S.A. experts participated in spring 1958 in fishing cruises by two French trawlers working in the Convention Area. This followed the visit by a French expert on board Canadian and U.S.A. vessels the previous year.

As in previous years data from a hydrographic section across the Labrador Sea taken by the International Ice Patrol, U.S.A. Coast Guard, was placed at the disposal of the Commission and was circulated to member countries.

A list of annotated papers relevant to the Commission's work was circulated on 6 December, 1957 (Serial No. 508).

The annual addition to the Guide to ICNAF Papers covering the period 1956-57 was circulated on 1 October, 1957 (Serial No. 505).

Following a request by several persons working with the Commission for a record of earlier ICNAF resolutions, proposals, programs, and of descriptions of methods and terminology, a Guide to ICNAF Proposals and Resolutions has been prepared and distributed within the Commission (Serial No. 533).

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STATEMENT 1

Budget appropriations, obligations incurred, and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year 1957/58.

Purpose of appropriation	Appropriated by Commission at Annual Meeting 1957	Obligations incurred and liquidated up to 31 May 1958	Expenses estimated for rest of fiscal year	Total obligations for fiscal year	Unobligated balances of appropriations (estimated)
<b>Personal services</b>					
Salaries	25,070.00	22,761.63	2,174.75	24,936.38	133.62
Superannuation	2,255.00	1,726.09	110.50	1,836.59	418.41
Travel, including subsistence	2,600.00	771.78	100.00	871.78	1,728.22
Transportation of things	200.00	161.48	38.52	200.00	-
Communication services	1,200.00	859.17	100.00	959.17	240.83
Rent and Utility services	1,800.00	1,650.00	150.00	1,800.00	-
Other contractual services including printing	8,000.00	3,294.41	5,770.00	9,064.41	-1,064.41
Supplies and materials	1,800.00	1,747.34	408.50	2,155.84	-355.84
Equipment	1,800.00	1,503.50	200.00	1,703.50	96.50
Annual Meeting	450.00	70.40	379.60	450.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,175.00</b>	<b>34,545.80</b>	<b>9,431.87</b>	<b>43,977.67</b>	<b>1,197.33</b>

Statement 1 shows estimated deficits of \$1,064.41 under "Other contractual services including printing" and \$355.84 under "Supplies and materials". It is proposed that these deficits be covered by transfers from "Travel, including subsistence".

STATEMENT 2

Statement of income and expenditure for the year ending 30 June 1958 (up to 31 May 1958)

Unobligated balances from the year ending 30 June 1957		\$2,917.26
Members' contributions assessed:		
Canada	\$5,002.53	
Denmark	1,582.01	
France	5,485.67	
Iceland	1,745.09	
Italy	5,739.70	
Norway	1,582.01	
Portugal	5,165.70	
Spain	5,165.70	
U.K.	2,722.17	
U.S.A.	<u>3,862.43</u>	
	\$38,053.01	
Add Italian contribution 1952/53	3,704.86	
Add Miscellaneous Income	<u>499.87</u>	
		42,257.74
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		Total \$45,175.00
Deduct obligations incurred and liquidated up to 31 May 1958 and obligations estimated for rest of fiscal year (Statement 1)		<u>43,977.67</u>
To be carried to surplus account (estimate)		<u>\$ 1,197.33</u>

INVENTORY OF FIXED ASSETS

as at 30 June 1952

	<u>Purchase Value</u>
1 only Addressograph-Multi-graph - Model 80 Multigraph Machine	\$1,049.36
1 only Remington electric adding machine	341.64
1 only Remington typewriter and line-a-time	228.02
1 only Remington two-drawer safe file	222.82
1 only Triner postal scale	40.04
1 only Steel two-drawer filing cabinet	83.82
TOTAL	<u>\$1,965.70</u>

as at 30 June 1953

	<u>Purchase Value</u>
1 only Friden Calculating Machine	\$821.60
1 only card index cabinet	16.64
1 only Leroy Lettering Set	64.16
1 only Remington line-a-time	41.60
1 only Remington typewriter	220.48
1 only Remington typewriter and line-a-time	222.81
1 only Addressograph Machine	204.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,591.29</u>

as at 30 June 1955

as at 30 June 1954

	<u>Purchase Value</u>
2 only floor rugs	246.00
1 only Addressograph filing cabinet	48.10
4 only sets of drapes (with installation)	190.55
1 only copying table	30.00
1 only typist stand	32.00
4 only telephone tables	140.00
2 only desk ashtrays	18.95
4 only desk lamps	33.00
TOTAL	<u>\$738.60</u>

	<u>Purchase Value</u>
1 only Remington typewriter	244.50
1 only stationery cabinet	73.00
TOTAL	<u>\$317.50</u>

as at 30 June 1956

	<u>Purchase Value</u>
1 only Remington typewriter	175.00
1 only card index cabinet	9.50
1 only one-drawer filing cabinet	36.00
1 only drafting board	8.75
3 only filing cabinets	171.00
2 only typewriter stands	67.00
TOTAL	<u>\$467.25</u>

as at 30 April 1957

	<u>Purchase Value</u>
1 only paper-cutter	18.00
1 only I.B.M. storage cabinet	204.79
1 only 30 lb. scale	6.00
2 only map cabinets	30.00
1 only brief case	9.00
TOTAL	<u>\$267.79</u>

as at 31 May 1958

	<u>Purchase Value</u>
Unitrays - V.62	126.75
1 only paper trimmer - V.82	13.50
Indexing front plates V.91	8.00
1 only Multilith Master cabinet - V.171	56.75
1 only I.B.M. electric typewriter - V.210	901.90
1 only Sonograph dictaphone - V.223	396.60
TOTAL	<u>\$1,503.50</u>

STATEMENT 3

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 May 1958

	<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>				
Cash at bank	5,212.84		Credits due to member governments from Germany's contribution	
Contributions receivable:			1956/57 1/2 yr.	263.33
1957/58 Iceland	1,745.09		1957/58	<u>1,766.82</u>
1957/58 Italy	5,739.70		Estimated expenses for rest of 1957/58 as per Statement 1	9,431.87
1956/57 Italy	<u>5,221.72</u>	12,706.51	Credits due to Working Capital Fund	5,000.00
			Miscellaneous Income	260.00
			Surplus as per Statement 2	1,197.33
		17,919.35		17,919.35
<b><u>WORKING CAPITAL FUND</u></b>				
Cash at bank	1,218.67		Principal of Fund	5,266.60
Credits due from General Fund	5,000.00		Credits due to member governments from:	
			Germany's contrib.	478.78
			Danish advance	430.31
			Interest	<u>42.96</u>
				952.07
		6,218.67		6,218.67



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