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Administrative Report for the Year Ending 30 June 1960
(up to 8 May, 1960)

1. Officers during the Year

Chairman of Commission - Mr.A.J.Suomela, U.S.A.
 Vice-Chairman of Commission - Mr.G.R.Clark, Canada
 Chairman Panel 1 - Dr. Jon Jonsson, Iceland
 " Panel 2 - Dr. Ju. Ju. Marty, USSR
 " Panel 3 - Capt. T. deAlmeida, Portugal.
 " Panel 4 - Capt.L.J.Audigou, France
 " Panel 5 - Mr.T.A.Fulham, USA

The above officers were elected at the 1959 Annual Meeting, 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. M. Ruivo, Portugal.

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

2. Panel Memberships 1959-60

Country	Panel No.					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
Canada		+	+	+	+	4
Denmark	+					1
France	+	+	+	+		4
Germany	+					1
Iceland	+					1
Italy						0
Norway	+					1
Portugal	+	+	+	+		4
Spain	+	+	+	+		4
USSR	+	+	+			3
United Kingdom	+		+			2
United States			+	+	+	3
	9	5	7	5	2	<u>28</u>

3. Newsletters

Newsletters were distributed from headquarters in order to circulate information relevant to the Commission's activities and interests on 8 July, 2 November 1959, and 22 March 1960.

4. Commission's Publications

The Annual Proceedings, Vol.9, for the year 1958-59, was issued in December, 1959. This volume is somewhat larger than the preceding ones, owing to the inclusion of a series of selected papers from the 1959 Annual Meeting.

The Statistical Bulletin, Vol.7, for the year 1957, was distributed in December 1959.

The Sampling Yearbook, Vol.3, for the year 1958, is now ready for circulation, which will take place during the latter half of June 1960.

Following a recommendation of the 1959 Annual Meeting a new issue of the "Red Book", including papers relating to the work of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics, was prepared in the Secretariat and distributed within the Commission during December 1959. The paper includes the Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics with appendices, further a number of documents from the 1959 Annual Meeting relevant to that report and to the Commission's research activities.

The Commission has been informed by FAO that the preparation of the report on the Joint Workshop by FAO, ICES and ICNAF on Population Dynamics and Selectivity of Fishing Gear held in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1957 is well under way. The first part of the report is in print; it includes the proceedings of the Workshop. The second part, to be printed in a short time, will include papers prepared for the Workshop.

The proceedings of the 1959 ICES/ICNAF Redfish Symposium (including the scientific papers prepared for the Symposium, with summaries of those papers to be printed elsewhere) are being edited by the Chairman of the Meeting, Dr. J. Lundbeck, Germany, and by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. G.C. Trout, United Kingdom. The report, to be printed in Copenhagen, will appear as a joint ICES/ICNAF publication.

An ICNAF Directory in pocket format, including the text of the Convention, rules and regulations, fisheries regulations introduced through ICNAF, and a number of data about the Commission's status, has been prepared and printed in the Secretariat, to be circulated at the 1960 Annual Meeting.

5. Co-operation with other International Organizations

This co-operation by means of exchange of observers, reports, and publications has been continued along the same lines and with the same organizations as in recent years. A co-operation of a more special kind has been commenced with FAO with the purpose of ensuring a review as complete as possible of papers relevant to the fisheries and the researches in the NW Atlantic.

A joint FAO/ICES/ICNAF Expert Meeting on Fishery Statistics in the North Atlantic area was held in Edinburgh, 22-30 September 1959. Mr. R.S. Keir attended the meeting as ICNAF representative. As one of the results of this meeting, a continuing Working Party on Fishery Statistics in the North Atlantic Area was established; Mr. R.S. Keir has been nominated as ICNAF expert to serve on the Working Party. //

A joint ICES/ICNAF Symposium on Redfish was convened in Charlottenlund, Denmark, 12-16 October 1959. It was attended by about 50 participants from member countries and observers from non-member countries. Two experts from the Fisheries Institute in Rostock, East Germany, participated as guests.

6. Co-operation with Non-member Countries

Poland has, during recent years, carried out fisheries in parts of the Convention Area. The secretariat is in co-operation with Polish fisheries institutions who have reported statistical data on their fisheries in the Convention Area.

Observers from Poland will attend the 1960 Annual Meeting of the Commission.

Belgium and Cuba have been carrying out minor fisheries in the Convention Area during the last two years. The secretariat has established contact with fisheries institutions of these two countries and is receiving statistical data on their fisheries.

A fleet of trawlers from Rostock in East Germany is now fishing in part of the Convention Area, mainly for redfish. Following a contact established by the secretariat, the Fisheries Institute of Rostock is reporting statistical data on the fishery to the Commission.

The exchange of publications with fishery research institutions in a number of non-member countries was maintained and extended.

7. Research Programs

Research programs for 1959 were forwarded from member countries to the Secretariat in the period December 1959 to April 1960. They were distributed during the same months, together with a summary prepared in the Secretariat.

Particulars about the hydrographic research, especially sections taken in 1959, were forwarded by member countries through the Secretariat in order to provide a picture of the extent of hydrographic research in the Convention Area.

8. Summaries of Research

Summaries of the researches by the various member countries in 1959 are being received in the Secretariat for distribution as documents for the 1960 Annual Meeting.

9. Sampling

Data from samples of fish taken both by commercial vessels and research vessels in 1958 have been forwarded by member countries to the Secretariat. After being edited and converted to the Commission's standard form they are published in the Sampling Yearbook, Vol.3, together with some samples from previous years, not hitherto reported to the Commission.

10. 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 and - as far as possible - in conformity with decisions of the Edinburgh Statistical FAO/ICES/ICNAF meeting in 1959. 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. Statistical data on fisheries by non-member countries in the Convention Area are also collected.

The collection of data on the species, quantities and sizes of fish discarded at sea has lagged behind, but more attention is now being paid to this fundamental question.

11. Otolith Exchange Program (Cod and Halibut)

In connection with the cod otolith exchange program effectuated in 1958/59, a number of data on the techniques for reading otoliths of cod and other commercial fishes have been reported by the member countries. These data have been compiled and distributed as a document for the 1960 Annual Meeting.

In conformity with Commission's decision at the 1959 Annual Meeting, an exchange between interested member countries of otoliths of halibut has been initiated.

12. Fisheries Regulations

The collection of detailed information, from the member countries concerned, on systems of inspections and on the results of inspections carried out is being continued. The material collected will be considered by the Commission at the 1960 Annual Meeting.

13. Tenth Annual Meeting

The Tenth Annual Meeting is being convened in Bergen, Norway, in the week beginning 30 May, 1960. In the week preceding the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics and the Groups of Advisers to Panels will meet; for a couple of days in advance, the Lowestoft Assessment Group will meet to complete its report.

14. Assessment of Fisheries in Relation to Regulation

In conformity with Commission's decision at the 1959 Annual Meeting, a number of additional data on stocks of fishes and on fisheries were collected by member countries. This material, together with other material made available earlier, was processed by a group of population scientists nominated by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics, which met for a week in Lowestoft, England, during March 1960. This group is holding an additional meeting just before the Annual Meeting. A report for the Commission has been prepared.

15. Other Matters

In December 1959 meetings of the Groups of Advisers to Panels 4 and 5 were held in St. Andrews, Canada; Mr.S.J.Holt, FAO, attended the meeting, and the Executive Secretary and the Biologist-Statistician were present. Work carried out through the year was reviewed and plans for future researches were elaborated. The results of these meetings are presented in Meeting Document No.3. //

At the Statutory Meeting of ICES, October 1959, Dir. G. Rollefson, Norway, the Executive Secretary and the Biologist-Statistician acted as observers for ICNAF. A report of the meeting by the Executive Secretary is prepared as Document No.2 for the 1960 Annual Meeting. After the meeting the Executive Secretary considered and discussed with the General Secretary of ICES various matters relevant to the co-operation between the two organizations, especially concerning the collection and publication of statistical data, and the editing of the proceedings of the joint ICNAF/ICES redfish symposium.

A list of annotated papers relevant to the Commission's work was circulated as Meeting Document No.6 (Serial No.711).

The annual addition to the Guide to ICNAF Papers, covering the period 1958-59 was circulated on 1 December, 1959 (Serial No.693)

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STATEMENT 1

Budget appropriations, obligations incurred and unobligated balances of appropriations

Purpose of appropriation	Appropriated by Commission at Annual Meeting 1959	Obligations incurred and liquidated up to May 8, 1960	Expenses estimated for rest of fiscal year	Total Obligations for fiscal year	Unobligated balances of appropriations (estimated)
Personal Services					
Salaries	26,600.00	22,166.50	4,433.30	26,599.80	0.20
Superannuation	2,107.36	1,922.09	272.12	2,194.21	-86.85
Travel, including subsistence	5,700.00	5,957.32 <i>travel to Bergen</i>	6.66+	5,950.66	-250.66
Transportation of things	300.00	378.55 <i>expenses of the group</i>	-	378.55	-78.55
Communication services	1,000.00	863.07	200.00	1,063.07	-63.07
Rent and Utility services	1,800.00	1,500.00	300.00	1,800.00	-
Other contractual services including printing	8,800.00	5,538.38	3,591.62	9,130.00	-330.00
Supplies and materials	2,000.00	1,467.25	200.00	1,667.25	332.75
Equipment	500.00	130.55	-	130.55	369.45
Annual Meeting	4,192.64	467.80	3,724.84	4,192.64	-
	<u>53,000.00</u>	<u>40,391.51</u>	<u>12,715.22</u>	<u>53,106.73</u>	<u>-106.73</u>

During the fiscal year the following expenses, which could not be foreseen when the budget was prepared at the 1959 Annual Meeting, have been incurred:

1. Mr. S. Holt's travel to the St. Andrews Meeting of Advisers to Panels 3, 4 and 5 in December 1959 \$1,150.00 *approved*
2. Expenses for the additional meeting of the Assessment Group in Bergen in connection with the Annual Meeting 380.00 *estimated*

The Commission is asked to approve these expenses, of which part can be covered by surpluses on other sections - the remainder to be added to the budget for the 1960/61 fiscal year.

380
1,150
total 1,530
added to 1960/61 budget