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On The 1964 Annual Meeting Of The

International North Pacific Fisheries Commission

The International North Pacific Fisheries Commission held its 11th Annual Meeting from November 16 to 21, 1964, in Tokyo, Japan.

The Commission reviewed results of the conservation programs and scientific research carried on by its Member Governments. No changes were made in the basic provisions of the Convention.

The condition of the halibut resources in the Bering Sea was of major concern to the Commission. The fishermen of the three member countries in 1964 caught only one-third of the 6,393,340 pound quota in the Bering Sea "quota area". As a result of this low total catch, the Commission recommended that the 1965 season in the quota area be limited to seven days. This restricted season would reduce the fishing pressure on the stocks, yet would help scientists in assessing the condition of the stocks.

The Commission noted that the development of the Japanese trawl fishery in the Gulf of Alaska was proceeding in an orderly manner. Research data held out the hope that proper selection of gear and operating techniques would minimize the damage to halibut stocks. In addition, the Commission resolved to continue its program of King crab research.

The next meeting of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission is scheduled for November 8, 1965 in Seattle, U. S. A.

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