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1970 ICES Resolutions of Interest for ICNAF

Publications

It was decided, that:-

- C.Res.1970/1:1 the papers and proceedings of the "Stock and Recruitment" Symposium (Aarhus, 1970) should be printed in a special volume of the "Rapports et Proces-Verbaux". The editing of the papers will be undertaken jointly between Mr B.B.Parrish and Dr P.E. Larkin, with the assistance of Dr W.E.Ricker.
- C.Res.1970/1:2 selected papers and the proceedings of the Special Meeting on "Measurement of Fishing Effort" be published in a special volume of the "Rapports et Procès-Verbaux", with Mr J.A.Pope as Editor, and the Council's Statistician as Co-Editor.
- C.Res.1970/1:6 the Joint ICES/ICNAF Working Group on Selectivity Analysis, having completed its task, be wound up and that the reports of its three meetings be edited and published as a single report (including tabulated data and bibliography) in the ICES Cooperative Research Report series. This is in accordance with the recommendations from the ICNAF Research and Statistics Committee. The Secretary of the Working Group will be invited to act as Editor.
- C.Res.1970/1:8 the report of the ICES/ICNAF Joint Working Party on North Atlantic Salmon should be published in the Cooperative Research Report Series, the Editors being Mr B.B.Parrish and Mr K.A.Pyefinch.
- C.Res.1970/1:10 the Working Group to Study Characteristics of Fishing Vessels in Terms of their Effect on Fishing Effort Measurement, having completed its immediate task, be wound up and that its report be published as one of the contributions to the Special Meeting on "Measurement of Fishing Effort". (Cp.C.Res.1970/1:2).

Symposia, Committees, Working Groups, Meetings

It was decided, that:-

- C.Res.1970/2:1 a special Meeting on "Cod and Herring in the Baltic" be held in Helsinki for two or three days prior to the 59th Statutory Meeting (1971) with Dr O. Bagge as Convenor for Cod and Professor J. Popiel as Convenor for Herring.

Cooperation with Other International Organizations

It was decided, that:-

- C.Res.1970/3:1 a) member countries of ICES and ICNAF be invited to provide the necessary funds for, and participate in a large-scale salmon tagging experiment of three months duration during the time of the West Greenland fishery in 1972, probably from mid-August to mid-November with the aim to liberate at least 3,000 tagged salmon as widely as possible within the area occupied by the exploited stock. Part of the tagging will be conducted aboard research vessels provided by countries participating in the experiment and part by scientific personnel aboard commercial fishing vessels. The scientific personnel would collect information on the recapture of tagged fish by the commercial vessels and would also conduct tagging operations and sample catch for associated biological observations. The cost of the experiment, apart from the research vessel and fishing gear costs and the scientist salaries is estimated to be about £ 20,000 (D.Kr.350,000).

- b) a small group of experts, with Dr A.W.May (Canada) as Convenor should meet for two days, at national expense, immediately preceding the next meeting of the Joint ICES/ICNAF Working Party on North Atlantic Salmon in March 1971 to prepare detailed plans for the experiment. These would be considered by the Working Party which would prepare a detailed scheme of operation for further consideration by ICNAF at its Annual Meeting in 1971.
- C.Res.1970/3:2 the Joint ICES/ICNAF Working Party on North Atlantic Salmon should meet, at national expense, at the Freshwater Fisheries Laboratory, Pitlochry from 29 March to 1 April 1971.
- C.Res.1970/3:3 the Council co-sponsor with ICNAF and IBP a "Symposium on Seals", on a world-wide basis, to be held at the University of Guelph, Canada, from 12 to 16 August 1972. Professor K. Ronald will be invited to act as Convenor of the Symposium, and Mr W.N. Bonner is appointed to represent the Council on the Scientific Organizing Committee for the Symposium.
- C.Res.1970/3:4 a Symposium on "Acoustic Methods in Fisheries Research" be held in 1973, and that FAO and ICNAF be invited to participate and to appoint one member each to a Scientific Planning Group. The venue will be decided, and a Convenor will be appointed at the next Annual Meeting of ICES.
- C.Res.1970/3:5 ICNAF be approached with the proposal that a "Joint ICES/ICNAF Working Group on Cod Stocks in the North Atlantic" be convened, to study the effects on fish stocks and fishery management in the North Atlantic of the increase in and massive re-deployments of fishing effort.
- C.Res.1970/3:7 taking into consideration the conclusions of the Special Meeting on "Measurement of Fishing Effort", the list of requested data on fishing time effort measurements in the Notes for Completion of Form STATLANT 1E be rearranged so that the item "Days on Ground" be given a second priority.
- C.Res.70/3:8
- a) the Secretary of CWP be requested to undertake a study of the two fishing gear classification systems considered at the Special Meeting on "Measurement of Fishing Effort", in consultation with appropriate experts, with a view to presenting a proposed single classification for consideration by national and international statistical agencies;
 - b) noting the desirability of attempting to introduce a uniform classification of fishing units for the reporting of catch and effort statistics, the Secretary of the CWP be requested to draft a classification to be submitted to the Council and other international agencies in 1971;
 - c) in view of the importance for measuring the element of searching time, the Secretary of the CWP be requested to contact national agencies in order to ascertain the possibility of reporting "searching time" as an additional statistics to the present effort report "number of days fished", which should be maintained.

Other Resolutions (Committee Recommendations adopted)

It was decided to recommend, that:-

- C.Res.1970/5:8 member countries should make greater effort to provide the scientific information needed for the full evaluation of the effects of high seas fisheries for salmon, in particular measurements of exploitation rates in home waters and full details of smolt tagging experiments in home waters.