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relevant to the research and statistical activities of ICNAF

Note: This document presents selected resolutions passed at the 60th Statutory Meeting of ICES, Copenhagen, 25 September - 4 October 1972. Only those of relevance to ICNAF research and statistical activities are given. The full report of the 1972 ICES Meeting is given in Procès-Verbal de la Réunion 1972.

Assistant Executive Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

- C.Res.1972/1:10 a) the Statistician should cooperate with the Assistant Executive Secretary of ICNAF, in order to attempt to make the statistical bulletins of the two organizations as comparable as possible,
- b) the Statistician should meet with the Secretary of CWP and the Assistant Executive Secretary of ICNAF for two days in Rome immediately before the ICNAF mid-term meeting to discuss harmonization of statistical bulletins.
- C.Res.1972/2:8 a) the Working Group on Research and Engineering Aspects of Fishing Gear, Vessels and Equipment shall meet again on 3, 4, and 5 May 1973 at IJmuiden to consider especially high-opening bottom trawls, one-boat and pair midwater trawling techniques, engineering aspects of multi-purpose vessels, instrumentation and electric fishing, and
- b) the 7 and 8 May be devoted to dealing with the statistical aspects of measuring fishing effort in relation to stock assessments.
- the Chairmen of the Gear and Behaviour and the Statistics Committees will prepare the plans for this part of the Meeting.
- assessment experts from member countries will be invited to participate in this part of the meeting.
- representatives of ICNAF, FAO (ACMRR) and OECD will be invited to attend.
- the Council's Statistician will attend the Meeting and present a document outlining the statistical problems in connection with compiling of effort data.
- c) in pursuance of the issues raised by S.A. Studenetsky (Doc. C.M.1972/d:5, referring to A.I. Treschev, Doc. C.M.1971/B:9), Dr A.I. Treschev be asked to submit to the Meeting of the Working Group a paper illustrating, by means of worked examples referring to USSR fisheries, the application of his proposed new method of measuring fishing effort, and that other countries evaluate the merits of the method applied to their own fisheries and report their findings to the Working Group.
- C.Res.1972/2:12 a) the preparatory studies on eventual establishment of an ICES ADP system for fishery statistics will be continued;
- b) the ADP Working Group meets again in June 1973 for three days to
- i) consider comments from Committees and Working Groups on its proposed systems a) and b),
- ii) prepare a complete lay-out copy of the Bulletin Statistique as it would appear after the introduction of system a), and

iii) carry out further studies on the ICES ADP system c) for fishery statistics.

- c) if possible, the Secretariat prior to that meeting carry out a trial run of system c) based on a limited quantity of herring stock record data.

(Note: Systems a) and c) refer to Doc.C.M.1972/D:7).

C.Res.1972/2:15 the North-East Arctic Fisheries Working Group will meet 12-17 February 1973 at Charlottenlund with Mr A. Hylen as Chairman to:

- a) continue assessments of the Arcto-Norwegian cod and haddock stocks,
- b) consider particularly the effects of increase in mesh size on those species for which sufficient data exist,
- c) consider the possibility of an estimation of the optimum size of the spawning stock of Arcto-Norwegian cod, and
- d) include in its study the Polar cod, owing to its increasing importance for the fisheries in the Barents Sea.
- e) Icelandic scientists will be invited to participate in the consideration of Item (b) above.

C.Res.1972/3:2 a meeting of the ICES/ICNAF Joint Working Party on North Atlantic Salmon will be held, at national expense, in Copenhagen for five days during the week beginning 19 March 1973.

C.Res.1972/4:5 member countries are urged to submit at the next meeting of the Statistics Committee documents describing the systems currently in use for compiling of catch and effort statistics from fishing vessels and the working-up of the data for submittance to ICES on STATLANT forms, and further to include in the document specimens of all forms used.

C.Res.1972/4:11 the Liaison Committee prepare a summary report on the fish resources of the NEAFC area for use by member countries of ICES at the UN Conference on the "Law of the Sea", scheduled for 1973.

- C.Res.1972/4:1
- a) in connection with the possible introduction of an ICES ADP System for Fishery Statistics as proposed in Doc.C.M.1972/D:7, the Chairman of Working Groups dealing with assessments of fish stocks be requested to consider in cooperation with Working Group members and the Council's Statistician, either by correspondence or at possible meetings, the ADP system c) and elaborate in detail their requirements for assessment work. Special attention should be paid to standardisation of area and time units.
 - b) Working Groups should furthermore consider possible changes in the lay-out and content of Bulletin Statistique in connection with the issuing of this publication as computer print-outs.

C.Res.1972/4:2 in order to facilitate the establishment of an ADP System for Fishery Statistics, member countries not at present collecting catch, effort and biological data by the ICES international statistical rectangles on a monthly basis, should make arrangements to do so as quickly as possible.

C.Res.1972/4:3 member countries should submit age data in the format proposed in document C.M.1972/d:10, Figure 1, with the modifications adopted by the Committee, for publication in the Statistical News Letters, Stock Record Data, and that member countries submit data on length and weight by age in a standardised form to the ICES Statistician for circulation on request.