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ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1973NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSIONELEVENTH MEETINGCONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Recommendations

The Commission made Recommendations:-

- (a) to prohibit fishing for salmon in the area of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission outside national fishery limits as from 1st January 1976. The text is as follows:-

"Fishing for salmon in the Convention Area outside national fishery limits shall be prohibited as from 1st January, 1976."

- (b) to amend Recommendation (8) so as to extend until 15th June, 1974 the restrictions on fishing for herring in the North Sea and Skagerrak which are in force in 1973.
- (c) to regulate fishing for Atlanto-Scandian herring in ICES statistical areas I, II and Vb. The text is as follows:-

"The fishing for Atlanto-Scandian herring in 1974 shall be regulated by the following measures:-

1. The fishing for herring is prohibited in those parts of the Convention Area which correspond to the ICES statistical areas I, II and Vb.
2. Notwithstanding the provision in 1 above a Contracting State may exempt a quantity of herring for human consumption or bait corresponding to 20% of its catch of small and fat herring in these areas in 1969.

3. The fishery on the local early summer spawning herring in coastal Faroese waters shall not be affected by this regulation.
4. The competent authority of a Contracting State shall notify the Commission of any exemption which the Contracting State makes under 2 above and of the steps which the competent authority has taken or proposes to take to ensure that the exemption is not abused.
5. The Commission shall inform all Contracting States of the exemptions notified on behalf of any Contracting State."

(d) to introduce a minimum size for mackerel caught for industrial purposes in ICES statistical areas IIIa and IV.

The text is as follows:-

- "1. In ICES statistical areas IIIa and IV it is prohibited to fish for industrial purposes mackerel of a size smaller than 30 cm measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail fin.
2. Notwithstanding the provision in 1 above landings of mackerel for industrial purposes may consist of 20% by weight of undersized mackerel."

(e) to amend Recommendation (1) so as to apply the minimum mesh size for Region 1 to the whole of the Region and so bring up the minimum mesh size applicable in the Faroe area to the level applicable elsewhere in Region 1.

- (f) to amend Recommendation (2)(A) so as to extend its currency until 31st December, 1975. Recommendation (2)(A) permits vessels based on and landing their catches in ports in part of the Irish Sea to use for the purpose of catching whiting nets 'not having in any part meshes of less than 60 mm'.
- (g) to amend Recommendation (5) so as to extend its currency until 1st January, 1975. Recommendation (5) allows 10% of landings from certain fisheries which are not intended for human consumption to consist of undersized fish of certain other species.
- (h) to terminate Recommendation (9). Recommendation (9) prohibits trawling in two areas of the Bay of Biscay.
- (i) to set out requirements for the supply of statistics of catch to the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

The text is as follows:-

- "1. Each member country should make available to the ICES Secretariat not later than 1st February in each year its nominal catch data for the previous calendar year. The data should be broken down by species and ICES sub-areas and should include information on the following species:

Herring, mackerel, capelin, sprat, cod,
haddock, whiting, saithe, Norway pout, hake,
plaice, sole, sandeel and redfish.

2. The data should be given on a standard form to be produced by ICES and distributed by the Commission's Secretariat to Commissioners, who should take the necessary steps to see that the required statistics are submitted to ICES by 1st February.

3. If a country cannot produce its final data before 1st February, then preliminary estimates of the annual catches should be submitted and the way in which these have been derived should be stated.
4. ICES should specify at its annual statutory meeting any more detailed statistics (e.g. data broken down by months) which it requires in order to make assessments for particular stocks in time for the next meeting of the Commission. Member countries should then supply these by following the procedures set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 above."

B. Conclusions

Catch and Effort Regulation

The Commission approved the following resolution, four delegations abstaining and one delegation taking no part in the voting:-

"The Commission

- Noting the decision of the Icelandic Government not to accept the proposal of the Commission that it should be empowered to recommend measures concerning limitation of catch and effort;

- Recalling that at the meeting of the Commission at Ministerial level in Moscow in December 1971, the Ministers of all Contracting States defined the speedy implementation of this proposal by all member states as the primary task of the Commission;

- Considers that this decision not to approve the proposal will have the regrettable and damaging result of depriving the Commission of powers which are indispensable to the effective performance of its responsibilities;

- Expresses the hope that the Icelandic Government will soon reconsider the decision, and

- invites the other Contracting States to consider as a matter of urgency what steps may be taken in the meantime to remedy this deficiency in the Commission's powers."

The Commission agreed that a procedure put forward by the United Kingdom as a possible means of activating provisions which will allow the Commission to consider catch and effort regulation should be referred by delegations to their Governments.

The Commission welcomed a report that delegations of the United Kingdom, Norway and the USSR had concluded discussions on catch restrictions for cod in the North East Arctic and were now able to recommend measures for the approval of their Governments, and hoped to receive details of the approved arrangements shortly.

The Commission received a report of discussions between delegations concerned relating to fishing at the Faroe Islands, and agreed that ICES should be asked to conduct a survey into fish stocks in the area.

Herring

The Commission set up a Working Group on Regulation of North and Celtic Sea Herring to meet in London between 23rd-25th October, 1973, in preparation for a Special Meeting of the Commission, also in London, between 11th-14th December. The terms of reference of the Working Group are at Annex A.

The Commission also agreed that ICES should be asked to report on the state of herring stocks in ICES statistical area VIa, to the West of Scotland.

North Sea Sole and Plaice Fisheries

The Commission requested a study by ICES of sole and plaice stocks in the North Sea in preparation for examination, in relation to the principal demersal stocks of the North Sea and especially sole and plaice, of the problems of regulating species separately by catch quotas or other means.

Preparation of the Report of the Liaison Committee of ICES

The Commission discussed the problems experienced by ICES in preparing the Liaison Committee's Report to the Commission's Annual Meeting in May. The Commission agreed to consider at a Special Meeting later in the year whether it was possible in the light of comment from the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries to adjust the timetable of annual meetings so as to allow more time for preparation of the Liaison Committee's Report.

International Control

The Commission welcomed a statement from the Polish delegation that Poland had withdrawn reservations about international inspections below deck, and from the Irish delegation that Ireland expected to be able to participate in the Scheme of Joint Enforcement before the Annual Meeting of the Commission in 1974.

The Commission considered and adopted the Report of the Enforcement Committee, and agreed that Member States should be asked to supply information on their arrangements for inspections ashore.

Finance

The Commission approved a contribution of £5,800 to ICES in 1973/74, and agreed, subject to approval by Member States, to increase this contribution to £6,525 in 1974/75. The Commission

also agreed that the cost of the special meetings in October and December 1973 should be met by a special levy on Member States, that provision should be made for additional part-time staff to be met in 1973/74 from reserves and from an increased contribution in 1974/75. The budget for 1973/74 and the revised forecast budget for 1974/75 are attached as Annexes B and C.

Election of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Regional Committees

The following were appointed as Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Regional Committees:-

Regional Committee 1	Chairman	Mr. E.L. Gillett
	Vice Chairman	Mr. A.A. Volkov
Regional Committee 2	Chairman	M. J.J.M. Pottier
	Vice Chairman	Mr. J. Nørgaard
Regional Committee 3	Chairman	M. R. Letaconnoux
	Vice Chairman	Dr. R. Monteiro

Future Meetings

The Commission will hold a Special Meeting in London between 11th-13th December 1973 and its regular meeting in Bonn between 26th June-2nd July 1974.

Press Notice

A Press Notice was issued at the conclusion of the Commission's Meeting. The text is at Annex D.

Office of the Commission

London, S.W.1.

16th May, 1973

Working Group on Regulation of North and Celtic Sea Herring

Terms of Reference

To assemble and evaluate for presentation to a Special Meeting of the Commission information on measures for regulating catch with relation to herring stocks in the North and Celtic Seas.

To consider and evaluate scientific data on the state of stocks of North Sea herring, including an assessment of the total allowable catch provided by the Liaison Committee of ICES.

To consider and report to the Special Meeting on what further measures of conservation if any other than regulation of catch may be required for North Sea and Celtic Sea Herring.

NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSIONBudget for the Year ending 30th June, 1974

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(a)	Salaries of Secretary, administrative, clerical and typing staff, provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Ministry's overhead expenses	6,240	Contributions	
(b)	Stationery, Printing and Postage	570	Belgium	1,154
(c)	President's Travelling, Subsistence and Expenses	350	Denmark	1,154
(d)	Expenses of Meeting of the Commission	3,500	Federal Republic of Germany	1,154
(e)	Contribution to I.C.E.S.	5,800	France	1,631
(f)	Cost of auditing Commission's account	100	Iceland	677
(g)	Provision for Reserves	1,500	Ireland	677
			Netherlands	1,154
			Norway	1,154
			Poland	1,154
			Portugal	1,154
			Spain	1,631
			Sweden	1,154
			U.S.S.R.	1,631
			U.K.	1,631

Drawn from reserves

950

£18,060

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May, 1974

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Revised Forecast Budget for the Year ending 30th June, 1975

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(a) Salaries of Secretary, administrative, clerical and typing staff, provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Ministry's overhead expenses		Contributions	
		Belgium	1,360
		Denmark	1,360
(b) Stationery, Printing and Postage	650	Federal Republic of Germany	1,360
(c) President's Travelling, Subsistence and Expenses	350	France	1,940
		Iceland	-
(d) Expenses of Meeting of the Commission	4,000	Ireland	780
(e) Contribution to I.C.E.S.	5,800	Netherlands	1,360
(f) Cost of auditing Commission's Account	100	Norway	1,360
(g) Provision for Reserves	1,500	Poland	1,360
(h) Contingencies	300	Portugal	1,360
		Spain	1,940
		Sweden	1,360
		U.S.S.R.	1,940
		U.K.	1,940
			<u>1,940</u>
			<u>£20,200</u>
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London, S.W.1.

May, 1973

NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION

16th May, 1973

ELEVENTH MEETING

PRESS NOTICE

The Eleventh Meeting of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission took place in London from 9th to 15th May, 1973. The President, Mr. G. Möcklinghoff (Federal Republic of Germany) presided. Delegations attended from all Member States, namely:-

Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom.

Observers represented the Government of Japan, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, FAO, OECD and the European Economic Community.

2. Salmon

The Commission agreed, by a majority, a Recommendation which prohibits as from 1st January, 1976 all fishing for salmon in the area of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Convention outside national fishery limits.

3. Catch and Effort Limitation

The Commission approved, with four abstentions, a resolution in the following terms:-

"The Commission

- Noting the decision of the Icelandic Government not to accept the proposal of the Commission that it should be empowered to recommend measures concerning limitation of catch and effort;
- Recalling that at the meeting of the Commission at Ministerial level in Moscow in December 1971, the Ministers of all Contracting States defined the speedy implementation of this proposal by all member states as the primary task of the Commission;
- Considers that this decision not to approve the proposal will have the regrettable and damaging result of depriving the Commission of powers which are indispensable to the effective performance of its responsibilities;
- Expresses the hope that the Icelandic Government will soon reconsider the decision, and
- invites the other Contracting States to consider as a matter of urgency what steps may be taken in the meantime to remedy this deficiency in the Commission's powers."

4. Herring

North Sea and Celtic Sea Herring

The Commission agreed, by a majority, to extend to 15th June, 1974 the restrictions in force during 1973 on catches of North Sea Herring. The Committee further decided to set up a Working Group with the following terms of reference, in preparation for a Special Meeting of the Commission in early December 1973:-

"To assemble and evaluate for presentation to a Special Meeting of the Commission⁴ information on measures

for regulating catch with relation to herring stocks in the North and Celtic Seas.

To consider and evaluate scientific data on the state of stocks of North Sea herring, including an assessment of the total allowable catch, provided by the Liaison Committee of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

To consider and report to the Special Meeting on what further measures of conservation if any other than regulation of catch may be required for North Sea and Celtic Sea Herring."

Atlanto-Scandian Herring

The Commission made a Recommendation which prohibits fishing for Atlanto-Scandian herring in ICES statistical areas I, II and Vb, subject to the right of Member States to exempt a quantity of herring for human consumption or bait corresponding to 20% of their catch in 1969 of small and fat Atlanto-Scandian herring.

5. Mackerel

The Commission made a Recommendation fixing a minimum size of 30 cm. for mackerel caught for industrial purposes in ICES statistical areas IIIa and IV, with the further provision that landings of mackerel for industrial purposes may consist of 20% by weight of undersized mackerel.

6. North East Arctic Cod Fishery

The Commission welcomed a report that delegations of the United Kingdom, Norway and the USSR had concluded discussions on catch restrictions for cod in the North East Arctic, and were now able to recommend measures for the approval of their Governments.

7. Extension of Mesh Size for Region 1 to the whole of the Region

The Commission approved an amendment to the Recommendation governing mesh size, the effect of which will be to bring up the minimum mesh size in the area around the Faroe Islands to the same level as in the remainder of the Commission's Region 1.

8. Industrial Landings

The Commission agreed to extend for one year only a Recommendation which permits landings of fish intended for industrial use to contain 10% of undersized fish from protected species. The Commission also agreed that a study should be made of the effect of this Recommendation on stocks of protected species, and of the appropriateness of continuing to allow catching with small mesh nets for certain other species.

9. North Sea Sole and Plaice Fisheries

The Commission set in hand a study by ICES of sole and plaice stocks in the North Sea in preparation for examination later in the year of the problems of regulating separate species by catch quotas or other means.

10. Statistical Information

The Commission approved a Recommendation calling on Member Countries to make annual catch data available promptly to ICES, so as to enable ICES to complete fish stock assessments in time for the Commission's Annual Meeting.

11. The Commission expects to meet in special session between 11th-13th December, 1973 in London, and to hold its regular annual meeting between 26th June - 2nd July, 1974, in Bonn.