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relevant to the research and statistical activities of ICNAF

Note: This documents presents selected resolutions passed at the 63rd Statutory Meeting of ICES, Montreal, Canada, 29 September to 8 October 1975. Only those relevant to ICNAF research and statistical activities are given. The full report of the 1975 ICES Meeting is given in Précès-Verbal de la Réunion 1975.

Assistant Executive Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

- C.Res.1975/2:1 Since it would be of great interest to hold a Symposium on the biological basis of pelagic stock management in the North Atlantic with particular reference to the effects of fishing on these stocks and the ecological relationships with environmental factors and between competing fish stocks, a Planning Group should be set up consisting of A Saville (Convenor), D Sahrhage, J Hamre, E Ursin, J J Zijlstra, J Jakobsson and R Hennemuth to draw up more detailed specifications of the scope and form of such a Symposium with a view to it being held in 1978. These plans should be considered by the Pelagic Fish (Northern) Committee and the Council at the 64th Statutory Meeting. The Planning Group should also consider the desirability of asking the support of ICNAF and FAO so as to widen the coverage. A short meeting of this Planning Group may be required prior to the 64th Statutory Meeting.
- C.Res.1975/2:2 The Council should, as soon as possible and preferably in 1976, arrange a Course in Fish Stock Evaluation Methods for scientists from member countries at Lowestoft. It is expected that instructors for the Course will be made available from member countries, without cost to the Council. The planning of the Course will be undertaken by the *ad hoc* meeting 5-9 January 1976. (See C. Res. 1975/2:3).
- C.Res.1975/2:3 An *ad hoc* meeting on the Provision of Advice on the Biological Basis for Fisheries Management should be held 5-9 January 1976 at Charlottenlund, at national expense, with the following terms of reference:
- (i) General consideration of management objectives.
 - (ii) Objectives and concepts related to:
 - (a) MSY/R
 - (b) Fishing pattern
 - (c) Recruitment relationships
 - (d) Other objectives (minimise TAC fluctuations, increase c.p.u.e., etc.)
 - (e) Optimum long-term resource utilisation
 - (f) Depleted stocks
 - (g) Particularly vulnerable stocks
 - (h) Industrial fisheries.
 - (iii) Guidelines for Assessment Working Groups.
 - (iv) Planning of stock evaluation courses.
- The meeting, which will report to the Council, should be convened by the Chairman of the Liaison Committee, Members of that Committee and some selected specialists (including the Chairmen of Assessment Working Groups) will be invited through the General Secretary to participate.
- C.Res.1975/2:6 The following Working Groups should meet in Hull, England, during the week 29 March to 2 April 1976, coordinated by the Chairman of the Gear and Behaviour Committee, as follows:
- (i) The Working Group on Research on Engineering Aspects of Fishing Gear, Vessels and Equipment, convened by Mr J G de Wit, to discuss technical aspects of fishing gear, fishing vessels and fishing methods; to receive from Dr A I Treschey his Manual

in English on the "Application of the Swept Volume Method for Measuring Fishing Effort"; and to evaluate the FAO methods for fishing effort measurement listed for different gears in Doc. C.M.1975/D:6, Appendix 7; and aspects of electrical fishing.

- (ii) The Working Group of Reaction of Fish to Fishing Operations, convened by Dr C S Wardle, to appraise existing and proposed methods for studying the reactions of fish to fishing operations.
- (iii) The Working Groups on Research on Engineering Aspects of Fishing Gear, Vessels and Equipment and on Reaction of Fish to Fishing Operations for a joint session on the effect of the offshore petroleum industry on fishing operations.
- (iv) The Working Group on Data Collection and Processing in Fish Capture Research, convened by Mr J J Foster, to monitor both implementation of the Data Index Scheme and standardization of data formats and instrumentation for effective international collaboration in fishing gear research.

- C.Res.1975/2:29
- (i) The North-Western Working Group should meet at Charlottenlund during 8-12 March 1976 under the chairmanship of Mr J Møller Christensen in order to:
 - (a) Investigate the interrelationship between the cod at East and West Greenland and adjacent waters, and
 - (b) Report separately on the state of the stocks of cod and haddock in Icelandic and adjacent waters.
 - (ii) ICNAF should be invited to participate in the discussions under Item (a), and that
 - (iii) This report be made available to the STACRES of ICNAF.

- C.Res.1975/4:17
- The attention of member countries is drawn to:
- (i) The importance of the STATLANT statistical system, developed and maintained by ICES and other agencies, in smoothing the tasks of the statistics departments of national fisheries administrations, and the benefits to many other sections of those administrations resulting from the operation of the STATLANT programme;
 - (ii) The increasing requirement for more timely catch data, particularly with regard to species under quota regulation;
 - (iii) The urgent need, therefore, for all member countries to recognize the high priority which should be given to their obligations under the STATLANT programme with regard to the timely reporting of accurate and comprehensive annual catch and fishing effort statistics.

- C.Res.1975/5:1
- The present and past Convenors of the Working Group on Standardization of Scientific Methods for Comparing Catching Performance of Different Fishing Gear (Mr J A Pope and Dr H J Bohl) should collaborate in the preparation of the second report on comparative fishing principles from C.M.1974/B:14 and C.M.1975/B:27, with a view to subsequent publication as an ICES Cooperative Research Report.

- C.Res.1975/5:9
- Papers on sampling theories and investigations on modelling related to multispecies assessments should be invited for the Statutory Meeting in 1976.