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Extracts from resuolutions passed at the 1976 ICES Meeting relevant to the research and statistical activities of ICNAF

Note: This document presents selected resolutions passed at the 64th Statutory Meeting of ICES, Copenhagen, Denmark, 4-13 October 1976. Only those relevant to ICNAF research and statistical activities are given. The full report of the 1976 ICES Meeting is given in Proces-Verbal de la Réunion 1976.

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#### RESOLUTIONS

- C.Res.1976/1:4 The revised version of the second and third reports of the Working Group on Standardisation of Scientific Methods for Comparing and Catching Performance of Different Fishing Gear, Doc. C.M. 1976/B:14, should be published in the Cooperative Research Reports series.
- C.Res.1976/1:13 The Report of the ad hoc Meeting on the Provisions of Advice on the Biological Basis for Fisheries Management (Doc. C.M. 1976/Gen:3) should be published in the Cooperative Research Reports series.
- C.Res.1976/1:19 (i) Catch statistics for the East Greenland area (Subarea XIV) should be reported and published separately for Division XIVa (North-East Greenland) and Division XIVb (South-East Greenland), commencing with the 1977 data;
  - (ii) The Secretary of the CWP should be requested to include this change in the "Notes for the Completion of STATLANT Forms" and in the STATLANT forms themselves:
  - (iii) The boundary of Divisions XIVa and XIVb the longitude 27°00'W from 68°00'N to the East Greenland coast at Cape Savary (68°30'N, 27°00'W) - should be included in the map of the ICES fishing areas;
  - (iv) A description of Division XIVa and Division XIVb should be incorporated in the description of the ICES fishing areas already adopted by the Council (C.Res. 1974/1:4 and C.Res. 1975/1:14) and should also be published in Bulletin Statistique.
- C.Res.1976/2:1 (i) A number of developments pertaining to the broadening of the scientific and regional interests of Council members, and to jurisdiction over, and management of, the uses of the ocean and its resources, have made it essential for the Council to re-examine its objectives and methods of operation. Accordingly the Council decided to request the Bureau, together with other present and former officers, to undertake the following task:

to review the objectives, structure, and methods of operation of the Council and to propose as necessary, relevant changes in the Rules of Procedure for consideration at the 65th Statutory Meeting. The review should include, inter alia, the following matters:

 (a) structure and functioning of Standing Committees, Working Groups, and other subsidiary bodies, including the possibility of establishing new kinds of subsidiary bodies (for example, to meet the needs created by the recent increase in membership);

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- (b) conditions for continued conduct of the marine scientific research required for achieving the Council's objectives;
- (c) relations with regulatory Commissions on fishery management and pollution;
- (d) separation of chairmanship of the Consultative and Liaison Committees;
- (e) resources and facilities required for carrying out the Council's activities.
- (ii) For this task, the Bureau shall be augmented by the former Presidents, Professor W. Cieglewicz and M. R. Letaconnoux; the former Chairman of the Consultative Committee, Mr A. J. Lee; the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr Th. J. Tienstra; and the former Chairman of the STACRES Committee of ICNAF, Dr A. W. May. These persons should meet with the Bureau in connection with the Bureau's spring meeting;
- (iii) In the meantime, all Delegates are invited to provide their views on these matters to the President in time for circulation to participants prior to the spring meeting.

#### C.Res.1976/2:3

- (i) The Council endorses the specification of the scope and form of the Symposium on the Biological Basis of Pelagic Fish Stock Management drawn up by the Planning Group, and agrees that this Symposium should be held in Great Britain in the second half of June 1978;
- (ii) The General Secretary should investigate the possibilities for co-sponsorship by ICNAF and support by FAO.

## C.Res.1976/2:4

- (i) In 1979 the 2nd International Symposium on the Early Life History of Fish should be organised, with the aim to review and promote our knowledge on the ecology of ichthyoplankton and juvenile fish, taking into account the need for an understanding of the functional position of ichthyoplankton and juvenile fish of various kinds in marine ecosystems;
- (ii) The planning of the Symposium will be started by the Chairmen of the six Fish Committees together with the Chairman of the Plankton Committee as Convenor; they should report to the Council at the 65th Statutory Meeting in 1977. In the meantime, the General Secretary should seek the support in principle and the cooperation of ICNAF, SCOR and ACMRR for the planning of the Symposium.