



SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 2000

**JUNE 2000 SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS TO
GENERAL COUNCIL AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

The Scientific Council at its 1-15 June 2000 Meeting reported on subjects that relate to the work of the General Council and the Fisheries Commission. The following Section A is submitted to the General Council, and Section B to the Fisheries Commission, for consideration at the 18-22 September 2000 Annual Meeting.

A. The Council considered its **recommendations** from this meeting, and referred the following to the **General Council** as they have financial and administrative implications:

1. The Scientific Council **recommended** that *NAFO's financial contribution to the Joint ICES/NAFO Symposium, August 2001, include the equivalent of GB 3 500 (approximately CDN \$8 000) to cover partial costs of conducting the Symposium.*
2. Regarding the September 2001 Symposium, the Scientific Council noted the level of success of this Symposium will be related to the possibility of attracting eminent scientists to it, and agreed that financial support is required to invite key speakers, and **recommended** that *NAFO's financial contribution to the Symposium on "Deep-sea Fisheries" in 12-14 September 2001 should be CDN \$8 000.* The Scientific Council also **recommended** that *the ICES and CSIRO as co-sponsors should also be requested to contribute CDN \$8 000 each.*
3. The Scientific Council noted that no volumes of *NAFO Statistical Bulletin* had been published since Volume 43, with 1993 data. Volume 44 was still delayed by the absence of data from the USA for 1994 and Volumes 45-48 were delayed by the absence of data for 1995-98 from the Faroe Islands and the USA. The situation on the submission of the data for 1994-98 is shown in the following table.

List of countries that have not submitted STATLANT 21A and 21B data through 1994-98.

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The Scientific Council regretted this situation, noting the work of the Scientific Council is seriously jeopardized and the publication of the Statistical Bulletin is seriously delayed, and **recommended** that *the Executive Secretary write to the national delegates of the USA and Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland) with reference to their obligations on the submission of data to NAFO, and further recommended that the Scientific Council should prepare a document for submission to the General Council and the Fisheries Commission on the adverse effect the absence of the STATLANT 21A and 21B data was having on the work of the Scientific Council.*

4. The Scientific Council **recommended** that *for the fiscal year 2001, the following nominees be supported by the NAFO budget for meeting attendance: i) the Assistant Executive Secretary to the February 2001 meeting of the FAO and Non-FAO Regional Fishery Bodies or Arrangements and the associated CWP*

Intersessional Meeting at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy and ii) the Assistant Executive Secretary and the STACREC Chairman to the CWP 19th Session in Noumea, New Caledonia (July 2001).

5. There was considerable discussion on additional work to be applied to the Website, and the Council specifically suggested to:

scan in Journals No. 1-21 (within next year), Studies (thereafter) and make them available from the Website (preliminary considerations suggest that the costs for this project amount to about \$27 000 for the Journals, and \$24 000 for the Studies)

Scientific Council further **recommended** that *costs associated with the above activities be enumerated and included in the Scientific Council budget request for 2001.*

The Scientific Council also noted the following meetings with respect to financial implications in 2001:

31 May-14 June 2001 Scientific Council Meeting
12-14 September 2001 Special Session Symposium
17-21 September 2001 Annual Meeting
November 2001 Shrimp Meeting

6. The Scientific Council **recommended** that *the Scientific Council Reports and the Reports of the Annual Meeting be included in the contents of the CD-ROM, and the CD-ROM be issued before April of the following year.*

- B. The Council noted the following **recommendations** relate to the **Fisheries Commission** considerations:

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2. The Scientific Council noted that further to its 1999 recommendation that: *the (Scientific Council) ad hoc Working Group on Protocol for Scientific Data Collection should work intersessionally to define the type of data from the Observer Program needed for Scientific Council assessment work as requested by STACTIC during the Joint STACTIC/Scientific Council Meeting at the Annual Meeting, 1998, and develop a complete package of observer collection protocols, data forms, instructions and codes, for presentation to Scientific Council at the September 1999 Meeting.*

The Scientific Council prepared and submitted Scientific Council Summary Document (SCS 00/23) to STACTIC in June 2000.

3. The Scientific Council **recommended** that *the comparative fishing in Div. 3NO be continued during future spring surveys conducted by EU-Spain and Canada.*
4. All stock-by-stock scientific advice and recommendations will be submitted by the Scientific Council Chairman to the Fisheries Commission during the 18-22 September 2000 Annual Meeting.