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PANEL, SUB-AREA 3

TIME: Thursday, April 6, 1951, 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Louis Seize Room, Shoreham Hotel
CHAIRMAN: Raymond Gushue (Canada)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): Panel 3 is called to order. Membership on Panel 3 consists of Canada, which, as in panel 2, has assumed the membership for Newfoundland, and the United Kingdom.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Mr. Secretary, I should be glad to move that Mr. Gushue be chairman of this Panel.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): We will assume, Mr. Dobson, that so far as the Rules of Procedure are concerned, the same action applies as with Panel 1. There will be provisional adoption of the rules of Procedure, except as to that portion dealing with the election of a chairman which can be adopted finally. Mr. Gushue has been moved as Chairman.

DR. BATES (CANADA): Second.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): I will turn the Chair over to Mr. Gushue.

THE CHAIRMAN (MR. GUSHUE): I take it the Panel will go through the agenda as has been prepared. The first three items have already been accomplished. Item 4 is not now necessary. Item 5, "Final Adoption of the Rules of Procedure".

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (MR. GUSHUE): The Rules of Procedure have been adopted. Item 6, "Reports by the Commissioners, if available, on the status of the fisheries and of research programs in the sub-area".

DR. NEEDLER (CANADA): Area 3, as everyone knows, has a very complicated fishery, both from the point of view of the number of species concerned, the very complex hydrography of the area, and the number of nations engaged in it. I hardly feel prepared to give what would amount to an adequate review of the present state of affairs. But we might mention--and this applies also to some extent to Panel 4-- that Canada has an expanding program, both in hydrography and in fisheries investigations in this area.

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The Organization of the Joint Committee on Oceanography in Canada, to which the Fisheries Research Board and the Navy both contribute, has led to the gradual development of a program in which we are attempting to take regular hydrographic sections in this area. On the fisheries side, Canada has so far done relatively little on what you might call a quantitative basis, although an attempt is being made to send regularly some of the stocks there, especially cod, haddock, and rose fish.

The Newfoundland Fisheries Research Station, under the Fisheries Research Board, has been carrying on an active program of exploration relating to fish distribution and fish movements of hydrographic conditions.

Those carrying out fisheries research in Canada look for the benefits to research from this Commission perhaps more in Area 3 than elsewhere. It is the area in which Canada is perhaps more strongly interested than in any other area. It is an area in which information on the fisheries must be obtained from a number of countries, and one in which a body of this kind can probably contribute more than in any other area to cooperative research, especially if we may look forward to the other governments becoming active, particularly France, Portugal, and Spain.

Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that it is worthwhile here, at this time, to attempt anything in the way of a more detailed review. I think that should be done at some future meeting of this panel in which Dr. Templeman, who conducts the Canadian work in this area, can be present.

THE CHAIRMAN (MR. GUSHUE): Thank you. Has the United Kingdom anything to add to the discussion?

MR. GRAHAM (UNITED KINGDOM): I agree with Dr. Needler. I think that, at the moment, it is premature to hope to get any of the fruits of that research. I wouldn't suggest taking up any more time at this present meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN (MR. GUSHUE): Thank you. I think it is understood that the real value of the Panel for this particular sub-area will be demonstrated when the other countries who are actively fishing in the area join us. It is our hope that will take place.

I take it from the remarks just made, it is not necessary to concern ourselves with Item 7; Item 8, "Other business"; or Item 9, "Approval of Report to the Commission".

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. NEELER): In view of the fact that we have verbatim minutes at these panel meetings, I would think that the record, itself, can be given to the Commission as a report.

THE CHAIRMAN (MR. GUSHUE): We can take that as approved.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): I move we adjourn.

(The motion was seconded.)

(Whereupon, at 11:20 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.)