

SECOND ANNUAL MEETINGFifth Plenary Session - July 8, 1952.

The Chairman, in calling the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., stated there was no agenda. The meeting was to be devoted to recommendations of the Research and Statistics Committee in combination with recommendations submitted to them by one or other of the Panels.

Before proceeding on the above, the Chairman referred to the Committee, composed of Mr. Gushue, Dr. Kask and Mr. Lund, to look at the regulatory paragraphs in connection with the mesh decision of the Research Committee. Conclusions of that Committee are circulated under the heading "Report of Drafting Sub-Committee". Mr. Gushue briefly explained what the Committee had accomplished. There being no further discussion and no dissentients to the report, the Chairman declared the report as being unanimously approved.

Common Name "Redfish".

The Chairman referred to recommendation I of Panel 5 (Document IV) and to paragraph 22 of the Report of the Committee on Research and Statistics (Document XVIII). The recommendations were read. In the absence of discussion and there being no dissentient voice, the Chairman declared the recommendation unanimously approved.

Redfish Research.

The Chairman referred to recommendation II by Panel 5 - Document IV - for a detailed study of all fish resources, especially redfish, falling within the purview of the Convention. He then referred to the penultimate paragraph of the report - the recommendation of the Committee on Research and Statistics (Document XVIII), for deferring consideration of a programme of redfish research. The Chairman proposed for Commission's consideration approval of the latter recommendation. There being no discussion and no dissentient voice, he declared the recommendation of the Committee on Research and Statistics as being unanimously approved.

Panel 1 - Report of Amsterdam Meeting, Oct. 10, 1951 (Document III).

- I. Statistics: The Chairman read the recommendation and stated it had been accepted by the acceptance yesterday of paragraphs 1-6 of Report of Committee on Research and Statistics.
- II. Long-term Research Programme: The Chairman read the recommendation and referred to the Report of the Committee on Research and Statistics, - P. 3 (Document XVIII). Dr. Needler stated he wanted to make clear his Committee was not opposing this recommendation but desired it should be considered in a formal appraisal of the full

programme for the entire area. The Chairman, hearing no discussion or dissentient voice, declared acceptance of the recommendation.

- III. Co-operation with ICES: The Chairman read the recommendation and declared it had been disposed of at the First Plenary Session.

Remaining Recommendations - Committee on Research and Statistics
(Document XVIII).

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Each recommendation numbered as above was read by the Chairman. There being no discussion and no dissentient voices to the recommendations, he declared them in each instance as being unanimously approved.

24. The Chairman read the recommendation and a change in wording was proposed by Dr. Kask. He moved, seconded by Dr. Lucas, that the recommendation should read as follows:

"That the Commission recommend that the Government of the United States licence not more than eight large trawlers at one time to fish for haddock in Sub-area 5, with a smaller mesh than that required by the minimum mesh regulation recommended by Panel 5 and adopted by the Commission."

In the absence of discussion and hearing no dissentient voice, the Chairman declared the recommendation, as amended, unanimously approved.

25. The Chairman read paragraph 25 of the Report of the Committee on Statistics and Research. There being no comment, he declared the matter as settled.

Mr. MacKichan suggested the matters dealt with in Items 17, 21 and 23 might properly have been routed through the Committee on Finance and Administration. The Chairman stated the point was well taken.

The Chairman referred to the distribution of summaries of the Plenary Meetings 1 and 2. While verbatim reports are available for Commission records, it is not proposed they be duplicated for general distribution. If there are errors or omissions in the summaries they should be brought to the attention of the Executive Secretary.

Adjournment took place on a motion by Dr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Bates.

REPORT OF DRAFTING SUB-COMMITTEEAmendment in Substitution of Recommendation III
1 to v inclusive, in Document IV

1. That appropriate action be taken by Contracting Governments to prohibit the taking of haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus) by persons under their jurisdiction in Sub-area X, with a trawl net which has a mesh size of less than four and one-half inches. For the purpose of this proposal the size of the mesh shall be taken to be the average of any ten consecutive meshes of the trawl net selected at the discretion of the enforcement officer and measured individually stretched diagonally while wet, with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of two inches in nine inches and a thickness of three thirty-seconds of an inch, inserted into the mesh under a pressure of twelve pounds.
- ii. The provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph shall apply to a vessel which shall have in its possession at the time haddock amounting to five thousand pounds avoirdupois or more or amounting to ten per cent or more of the weight of all fish on board, whichever is the larger. It shall not apply to Government Fishery Research vessels or to other vessels authorized by a Contracting Government to use a smaller mesh for purposes of scientific investigation. Such Contracting Government shall report to the Commission the number and names of such research vessels or other vessels so authorized.
- iii. (1) No vessel while operating in Sub-area X shall use any device by means of which the mesh in any part of a trawl net is obstructed or otherwise in effect diminished.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing sub-paragraph, it shall not be deemed unlawful to attach to the underside of the cod-end of a trawl net any canvas, netting, or other material, for the purpose of preventing or reducing wear and tear.

