



SECOND MEETING AT ST. ANDREWS (N.B.)

30 JUNE - 9 JULY 1952

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 1) The Second Meeting of the Commission was held at St. Andrews, N.B., the First Plenary Meeting being held on 3 July 1952, preliminary meetings of the Committee on Research and Statistics and the Committee on Finance and Administration having been held on the preceding days.
- 2) Commissioners were present, most of them accompanied by experts and advisers, from Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom and United States, the ratification by Spain and Norway being announced at the First Plenary Meeting. Observers from France and Portugal, and from the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea were also present. A list of all those present is shown as Appendix I to this Report.
- 3) The agenda for the Second Meeting is attached as Appendix II.
- 4) The meeting was opened with a message of welcome by Mr. Stewart Bates (Canada) from the Canadian Minister of Fisheries, which the Commission greatly appreciated. The Acting Chairman (Mr. A.T.A. Dobson, U.K.) then made a few introductory remarks explaining that, owing to the resignation of the first Chairman through ill health, he had, under the Rules of Procedure assumed the Chairman's responsibilities, and that it had been subsequently found desirable to appoint, after correspondence with the other Commissioners, an acting Vice Chairman in the person of Mr. F.W. Sargent (U.S.A.)
- 5) After a brief review of what had happened since he assumed office, and after paying a tribute to the outstanding services rendered by the Acting Executive Secretary, the Acting Chairman then asked the Commission to approve the agenda. This was done with one amendment, namely that the appointment of a new Chairman (Item 3) should be deferred until the end of the meeting. The effect of this was that the Acting Chairman was left to preside over the Second Meeting until its conclusion.

6) The Secretary reported (Agenda Item 4) the new ratifications, namely Spain on January 17, 1952 and Norway on July 2, 1952. The Portugal observer intimated that his country had ratified, but that the instrument of ratification had not yet arrived at Washington (Depository Government). The French observer also intimated the imminence of the French ratification.

7) When the review of Panel membership took place (Agenda Item 5) Dr. Kask (U.S.A.) intimated that U.S.A. desired to be represented on Panel 3, while the French observer explained that, when France ratified, they would want to have membership on Panels 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the Portugal observer intimated their interest in Panels 1, 3 and 4.

8) Under Item 6 of the agenda, attention was called to the Commission papers (Document I A and B) containing the memoranda of agreements that had been made by the Acting Chairman on behalf of the Commission with the Chairman of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, and by the Acting Executive Secretary, in the course of a visit to Rome, with the Food and Agriculture Organization. The Commission expressed gratification at the cooperation which had thus been secured with these two organizations; a resolution to that effect was moved by Mr. Knollenberg (U.S.A.) and seconded by Dr. Lucas (U.K.) and was agreed in the following terms:-

The Commission notes with satisfaction the Report of the Executive Secretary on cooperation with other Bodies (Second Meeting Document I) and the excellent assistance given to the work of the Commission by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea. The Commission wishes to record its appreciation for this cooperation and endorses the recommendations set forth in the Secretary's Report as to the future relationship with these Bodies.

In each case the members of each Body are free to attend the meetings of the other.

9) Items 7, 8, 10 and 16 having been referred to the Committee on Finance and Administration and consideration of Item 9 (Location of Headquarters of the Commission) having been postponed, the Commission addressed itself to a consideration of

Agenda Item 11 (Article X of the Convention), two years having elapsed since the Commission came into being. The Commission resolved that the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries should remain as an independent Body, it being understood that close and continuous cooperation would be maintained between the Commission and both F.A.O. and I.C.E.S.

10) Item 12 of the agenda (Policy as regards Publications) was referred to the Committee on Research and Statistics and to the Committee on Finance and Administration. Items 13, 14 and 15 were noted to be dealt with later.

11) Under Item 17 of the Agenda (Other Business) the Commission asked Mr. Bates (Canada), Mr. Knollenberg, (U.S.A.) and the Acting Chairman to constitute a small panel to consider the Rules of Procedure, both for the Commission and the Panels, and to decide whether any amendments were desirable, so that such amendments could be included in the agenda for the next annual meeting with the necessary 60 days notice being given.

Under the same item Mr. Bates also raised the question of including seal fisheries within the ambit of the Commission's activities. This suggestion was supported by Denmark but opposed by Norway. At a later Plenary Meeting the suggestion was withdrawn.

12) Under Item 18 of the Agenda, it was announced that the Government of Canada had loaned the services of an official Press Officer (Mr. Manchester) to assist the Commission in the sphere of publicity and the Commission decided that all Mr. Manchester's press releases should be shown to the Acting Chairman and Dr. Needler before issue. The operations of Mr. Manchester greatly enhanced the publicity afforded to the Commission and were very much appreciated.

13) Item 9 of the Agenda (Selection of the site of the Commission's permanent headquarters) having been postponed at the First Plenary Meeting was dealt with at the Second Plenary held two days later. The Commission then had before it a report by the Acting Chairman and Vice Chairman on their visit to St. John's (Newfoundland) and Halifax (N.S.) The Commission had decided at its first meeting that, in the light of the invitations from these two places, the Chairman and Vice Chairman should visit these two places on their way to the Second Meeting and report on the relative merits of each as a future headquarters for the Commission.

The Acting Chairman clarified or modified two or three statements in the joint report already referred to and read in extenso a further letter from the Premier of Newfoundland confirming and augmenting their original offer. A very full discussion took place and the following resolutions were passed:-

1) That the question of the selection of the future headquarters of the Commission be postponed until the next meeting, it being understood (1) that the Canadian Government would be willing to allow the accommodation at St. Andrews to remain for the time being at the disposal of the Commission and (2) that, in the meantime, the possibility of sites other than St. John's and Halifax should be explored.

2) That the exploration should be undertaken by a Committee of three, consisting of the Chairman, and a representative from Iceland and from Spain, with the Executive Secretary as adviser, which will meet as required and report to the third Annual Meeting.

The first of these resolutions was carried unanimously and the second with one abstention.

14) At the Third Plenary Meeting, Mr. Bates (Canada) raised the question of Research over the whole area of the Commission. After considerable discussion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Research and Statistics for investigation and report with the understanding that a special meeting of scientists would be held on the occasion of the 50th Meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea due to take place at Copenhagen at the end of September.

15) In connection with Item 13 of the Agenda (Report of the Committee on Research and Statistics) the Commission had before it at the Fourth Plenary Meeting two reports by the Committee which were dealt with separately as they became available.

16) The first report dealt inter alia with the Report of Panel 5 (Second Meeting Document IV) which made, under Recommendation III of its report, the following group of recommendations:-

- i No person or vessel subject to the jurisdiction of a Contracting Government shall fish for haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus) in Sub-area 5 with a net which has an average mesh size of less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, measured under the conditions hereinafter specified.
 - ii For the purpose of this regulation, the average size of the mesh shall be the average of any ten consecutive meshes running lengthwise of the net in any part of the net, selected at the discretion of the enforcement officer, and measured with a flat wedge-shaped gauge with a taper of 2" in 9" and a thickness of $\frac{3}{32}$ " inserted into the mesh under a pressure of 12 pounds. In measuring to determine a violation, the net or netting shall be wet and have been used in normal fishing operations.
 - iii Possession of haddock amounting to more than 5000 pounds or 10% by weight of all fish aboard, whichever is larger, shall be evidence that the person or persons or vessel concerned have fished for haddock, and in such case possession on board the vessel of nets, parts of nets or netting having a mesh size less than that provided for in Sections i and ii is prohibited.
 - iv No device or method that will obstruct the meshes or otherwise in effect diminish the size of the meshes shall be used, except that any material may be fastened to the underside only of the cod end of the net to prevent damage to, or reduce wear upon, the cod end.
- The above regulation does not apply to government research vessels nor to any other vessel authorized by a Contracting Government, on recommendation of the Commission, to use a smaller mesh for experimental purposes.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Research and Statistics, this group of 5 recommendations was approved in principle by the Commission with one modification, namely that the mesh proposed should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches instead of $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The Commission decided however that a Committee consisting of Dr. Kask (U.S.A.), Mr. Gushue (Canada) and Mr. Lund (Norway) should settle the final wording of the required Regulation. As the result of this Committee's deliberations, the regulation was finally approved by the Commission at its Fifth Plenary Meeting in the following terms:-

- i That appropriate action be taken by Contracting Governments to prohibit the taking of haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus) by persons under their jurisdiction in Sub-area 5, 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 5 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 subparagraph, 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.

17) Panel 5 also made a group of seven further recommendations shown under Recommendation IV in its Report (Document IV) as follows:-

- i Continuation of the present intensive collection of data on catch per effort and age and size compositions of the catch and landings.
- ii Collection, both before and after the minimum mesh regulation comes into effect, of data on the number, sizes and ages of haddock discarded at sea.

- iii Further experiments to determine the selectivity of various meshes, especially the larger meshes, which would be involved in the second step.
- iv Further efforts to determine the relative strength of year-classes entering the fishery both before and after the regulation comes into effect. It is believed that this may require the continued use of the present gear by selected trawlers.
- v Special fishing to determine distribution and changes in abundance of haddock in their first and second years.
- vi Fishery-hydrographic research to determine the causes of fluctuations of year-classes.
- vii Study of the biology of the other species of fishes which live in the same ecological system as haddock.

These recommendations were endorsed by the Committee on Research and Statistics which emphasized the experimental nature of the proposed mesh regulation. They were submitted one by one to the Commission which, on being polled, accepted them all unanimously and without amendment.

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Having disposed of the above mentioned recommendations of Panel 5, the Commission considered the recommendations of the Committee on Research and Statistics as set out in its First Report (Document XV), two of them, nos. 10 and 11, having already been disposed of in connection with the report of Panel 5.

All the recommendations 1 to 9 were submitted to the Commission individually and were accepted after poll unanimously, but with one or two verbal modifications. With these modifications incorporated, the recommendations read as follows:-

1. That the Executive Secretary be requested to prepare a pamphlet with an illustration and brief description of each species important to the Commission, based on material from the forthcoming monograph by Bigelow and Schroeder properly acknowledged and including also a statement on the common names used in each country, such a publication to be prepared in close cooperation with F.A.O. and I.C.E.S.

2. That, in view of the usefulness of such information, the compilation of readily available statistics according to established commercial size categories be attempted by the Commission's staff.
3. That the Commission compile and publish its statistics in terms of Metric Tons and round fresh weights (weights of entire fish as they come from the water).
4. That the Commission's statistician be requested to review the situation regarding conversion factors in close cooperation with F.A.O. and I.C.E.S. and make a progress report to the Committee at the third Annual Meeting.
5. That the Executive Secretary be asked to attempt to bring together for all vessels fishing in the Convention area information on the number of vessels of various types and sizes, and the number of days spent by vessels of each category on the fishing grounds, and that he also be requested to review the availability of more refined data on catch per effort for parts of the fishing and report his findings at the third Annual Meeting, on the understanding, of course, that the actual collection of such statistics must be the work of the various governments themselves.
6. That the Executive Secretary be requested to inquire of the various governments what information is now available as a basis for development of a standard unit of fishing effort, and to make a progress report at the third Annual Meeting.
7. That the Commission request the governments concerned, and its Secretariat, to work towards the compilation of statistics of catches and fishing efforts on a monthly basis.
8. That, in view of the importance of information on economic and other factors influencing catch, governments be requested to provide a brief commentary on the operation of such factors when submitting their statistics annually to the Commission.
9. That the Executive Secretary be requested to arrange during the 1953 meeting of the Committee a symposium on long-term changes in hydrographic conditions and corresponding changes in the abundance of fish stocks to guide us in planning hydrographic programs and to throw light on the effects of such natural factors on fisheries.

At the Fifth Plenary Meeting, having approved the mesh regulation in paragraph 16 above, the Commission proceeded to deal with the remaining Panel Recommendations in the light of the comments of the Committee on Research and Statistics, its second report (Document XVIII) having now been circulated.

Panel 5 recommendation I read as follows:- "The common name "redfish" is considered by Panel 5 to be the most suitable name for Sebastes marinus and this name is recommended for general adoption by the Commission." This recommendation was endorsed by the Committee on Research and Statistics in their recommendation 22 and after a poll was agreed by the Commission unanimously.

Panel 5 recommendation II read as follows:- "It is recommended that the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics be instructed to give attention to the detailed study of all fish resources, especially redfish, falling within the purview of the Convention". The Committee on Research and Statistics recommended that this matter be deferred, and after a poll this view was accepted, unanimously, by the Commission.

This disposed of all Panel 5 recommendations.

20) Panel 1 had made the following three recommendations (Document III):-

- I Statistics Subject to discussions of the whole matter at Rome between the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Fisheries Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization, an approach should be made to each country concerned for a submission of appropriate statistics in a prescribed form for Sub-area 1.
- II Long-term Research Program The long-term research Program for Sub-area 1, as set out in amended form in Appendix 3 to this report, should be submitted to the Commission for their approval.
- III Co-operation with the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea in Sub-area 1. The closest co-operation should be maintained between the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea and this co-operation should refer particularly to Sub-area 1 where the respective areas of investigation overlap.

The Panel considered that, among the individual items for co-operation, unnecessary duplication in the publication of scientific reports and statistics should be avoided. Scientific papers on certain special subjects such as hydrography might well continue to appear in the publications of the International Council, whereas fisheries statistics for Sub-area 1 might appear in the publications of the Commission.

The first of these had already been endorsed by the recommendations of the Committee on Research and Statistics and accepted by the Commission at the Fourth Plenary Meeting (see paragraph 18 above)

As regards the second, the Committee on Research and Statistics on page 3 of their first Report (Document XV) had recommended postponement until the third Annual Meeting of the Commission where it could be considered in the light of the Commission's Research programme as a whole. The same applied to the Programme of the Hydrographic Subcommittee. The views of the Committee on Research and Statistics after a poll were accepted by the Commission.

The third recommendation above had already been dealt with by the Commission at its First Plenary Meeting under item 6 of the Agenda.

- 21) All the outstanding Panel recommendations having now been disposed of, the Commission considered the remaining recommendations of the Committee on Research and Statistics, nos. 12 to 25 (Document XVIII), with the exception of no. 22 already dealt with.

The Commission was polled on all these recommendations separately and they were agreed unanimously, with a verbal amendment in 24.

These recommendations, as accepted, were as follows:-

12. That the Commission adopt the statistical areas defined in the attached "Report to the Committee on Research and Statistics by the Sub-Committee on Division of Commission Sub-Areas" as a tentative framework for the compilation of statistics, and review, at the time of the next annual meeting, the suitability of the areas and the progress in their use.(refer Document XVIII)
13. That the special committee on the Commission's research program consist of scientists only, one or two from each Government, elect its own chairman, and obtain additional advice or assistance as required.

14. That this special committee meet at Copenhagen on the Friday and Saturday immediately preceding the 1952 I.C.E.S. meeting, and that it also meet immediately before the next annual meeting of the Commission, with one or two intervening meetings if required.
15. That Dr. Råning, Dr. Walford and Dr. Needler be asked to bring together, as a basis for discussions by the special committee at its first meeting, a listing of proposed researches from which the committee might prepare a statement on what research is needed, what research is now being carried on, what necessary research is not now being done, and on how such gaps might be filled.
16. That the Commission consider the seven questions listed in the attached report of a special sub-committee which met at 9.30 a.m., July 7, as an indication of the lines along which the Commission's program of research might be developed. (refer Document XVIII)
17. That the report of the Chairman of the Commission, which he expects to occupy about six printed pages, be included in the printed annual report of the Commission following the Executive Secretary's statement on the work of the Commission during the year.
18. That the annual publication of a digest of statistics be considered essential, and that the Commission approve the Executive Secretary's proposal to include up to about twenty pages of such material in the forthcoming annual report, including a statement of total catches by species in each Sub-area.
19. That the publication of summaries of research be referred for the present year, but that member Governments be asked to submit, with the material presented to the next annual meeting of the Commission, summaries of research in form for publication, limited in length to one thousand words for the work of any Government in one Sub-area, and to a maximum of two thousand words from any one Government, it being understood that Iceland, not being represented on any Panel, be permitted to submit a research summary with a maximum length of one thousand words.

20. That scientific material in support of important action by the Commission be included in its printed annual reports, and that in the forthcoming annual report there be included a statement on the basis for the recommended minimum mesh size for the haddock fishery in Sub-area 5 to be prepared by the United States.
 21. That two thousand copies of the annual report be printed, with reprints of special parts of the report at the discretion of the Executive Secretary.
 22. Already dealt with (see above).
 23. That, in view of the Executive Secretary's possible need for editorial assistance, this subject be reviewed at the time of the next annual meeting of the Commission, and that in the meanwhile the Executive Secretary obtain such assistance as he needs through the Chairman and other members of the Committee on Research and Statistics.
 24. That the Commission recommend that the Government of the United States license 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.
 25. That the Commission note the difficulty of recruiting scientists to the field of fisheries research and the necessity of encouraging such recruitment, and note also the desirability of exchanging scientists between countries.
- 22) It was reported that Dr. Needler had been unanimously re-appointed Chairman of the Committee.
- 23) The sixth and final Plenary meeting was held on 9 July, when the Reports of the five Panel meetings held concurrently with the Second Annual Meeting were formally received.
(Documents XXI to XXV)
- 24) The Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration (Document XX) was then considered. The Report dealt with a large number of matters concerned with Finance and Administration and contained 14 recommendations, as follows:-

1. Administrative Policy for Leave and Travel

- (a) That on the basis of two years' employment, expenses of staff from their homes and return be paid to Commission staff.
- (b) That annual leave be granted on the basis of eighteen working days a year, and that this be increased to cover air travel time from Commission headquarters to the staff member's home and return, and that travel expenses for home leave be paid, provided such leave is not taken oftener than once every two years.

2. Staff

That the staff be increased from December, 1952, to include an additional clerk-stenographer.

3. Travel by Commission Officers

That when and if Commission officers are required to travel on Commission business, as distinct from representation on behalf of their own Governments, travelling expenses should be paid by the Commission.

4. Attendance at Annual Meeting of International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

That the Secretariat should be represented at the next meeting of I.C.E.S.; and that there should be representation by a Commissioner.

5. Additional Travelling Expenses

That the following expenditure be approved:

Dr. Martin - European trip - excess over original authority	\$447.66
Miss J. Welsh - travel to St. Andrews	203.65
Mr. J. Côté - travel to St. Andrews	72.19
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	\$723.50

6. Working Capital Fund

That the Working Capital Fund be increased from \$5,000 to \$5,266.60. Further billings will be in accordance with the exchange rate on U.S. funds on April 5, 1951. (When all ten Governments have ratified, the contribution of each will be \$526.66).

7. Financial Report

That the Financial Report - Document XIII - for the year ending June 30, 1952, as presented by the Acting Executive Secretary, be approved.

8. Honorarium Dr. Martin

That a special bonus or honorarium, in addition to his salary, of \$500 be paid to Dr. Martin.

9. Time and Place of Third Annual Meeting

That the Third Annual Meeting of the Commission be held at New Haven, Conn., U.S.A., during the last two weeks of May, 1953.

10. Bonding of Executive Secretary

That no change be made in the amount of the presently authorized \$25,000 bond.

11. Publication of Report

That a report to be known as "The Second Annual Report" be published in the same format as in the First Report and that 2,000 copies be printed and provision made for the printing of separates.

12. Executive Secretary

That Erik M. Poulsen of Copenhagen, Denmark, be appointed Executive Secretary with salary at the rate of \$8,500 per annum with temporary headquarters at St. Andrews, N.B.

That in the event Dr. Poulsen does not accept the appointment, it be offered on the same terms to Dr. F. Howard Bell.

That in the event neither candidate accepts the appointment the selection of a new Executive Secretary and the method of selection shall be the responsibility of the special committee of the Commission appointed to deal with the site of a permanent headquarters. That the Chairman of the Commission be authorized to poll the Commission by post as to the Committee's nominee and with approval to make the appointment.

13. Budget

That a budget of \$36,000 for 1952-53, detailed as follows, be approved:

Personal Services	\$19,500
Travelling, including subsistence	6,000
Transportation of things	300
Communication Services	700
Rent and Utility Services	500
Other Contractual Services	
including printing	2,000
Supplies and Materials	1,000
Equipment, including Office	
Machines and Computing Machines	2,000
Annual Meetings	4,000
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	\$36,000

14. Date of Billing

That there will be one billing for the year by the Executive Secretary not later than August 1st, 1952.

25) All the above recommendations with one or two drafting amendments which are incorporated were accepted unanimously by the Commission, except that in the case of the recommendation relating to the Executive Secretary, Denmark abstained from voting.

26) It was reported that Mr. J.H. MacKichan (Canada) had been unanimously reelected as Chairman.

27) With the conclusion of the main business of the Commission the Acting Chairman took occasion to voice the Commission's indebtedness (a) to the Canadian Government for all the facilities that had constituted so vital a factor in carrying the

Commission over its difficult first year, including the Sunday boat-trip which everyone had so much enjoyed, (b) to the Acting executive Secretary and his staff for their outstanding services, (c) to the invaluable assistance rendered by the special staff including Mr. Lamb and (d) to Mr. Manchester for having kept the Press fully apprised of the proceedings of the Commission.

28) The Acting Chairman also expressed his personal thanks to the Acting Vice Chairman and to all those who had combined to make the meeting so pleasant.

29) Mr. Bates (Canada) then congratulated the Commission on the progress made at the meeting and paid a tribute to the Acting Chairman for his part in assisting the meeting to a successful conclusion.

30) Finally, the Commission dealt with Item 3 of the Agenda, (Election of Chairman) postponed from the First Plenary Meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Bates (Canada) seconded by Dr. Lucas (U.K.) Dr. J.L. Kask (U.S.A.) was proposed as Chairman, for one year. This was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

It was understood that the new Chairman, as well as the existing Vice Chairman, Mr. Dobson (U.K.), would continue in office (as on the occasion of this meeting) until the conclusion of the Third Meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned after Dr. Kask had expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him.

9 July 1952

A.T.A. Dobson,
Acting Chairman.

Note: In this copy of the Chairman's Report, an allusion will be found to the Second Meeting Documents concerned, as these will be in the possession of Commissioners and experts. When however this Report comes to be printed and included in the Commission's Second Annual Report, no mention of these Documents will appear.

APPENDIX I

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SECOND MEETING

Governments and international organizations were represented by Commissioners, advisers, or observers, as follows:

CANADA

Commissioners

Stewart Bates, Deputy Minister of Fisheries,
Department of Fisheries, Ottawa, Ontario.

Raymond Gushue, President, Memorial University,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

J. Howard MacKichan, General Manager,
United Maritime Fishermen Ltd., Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Advisers

Dr. A.W.H. Needler, Director, Atlantic Biological
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Dr. W. Templeman, Director, Newfoundland Fisheries
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Dr. M.J. Dunbar, Biologist in Charge, Eastern
Arctic Fisheries Investigations, Montreal, P.Q.

Assistant advisers

Dr. H.B. Hachey)
F.D. McCracken) Atlantic Biological Station,
Dr. G.F.M. Smith) St. Andrews, N.B.

A.M. Fleming Newfoundland Fisheries Research
Station, St. John's, Newfoundland.

DENMARK

Commissioners

B. Dinesen, Under Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries,
Copenhagen.

Dr. P. Hansen, Fisheries Biologist,
Greenland Department, Copenhagen.

Dr. A. Vedel Tåning, Head, Danish Institute for
Fishery Investigations, Charlottenlund Slot.

Adviser

L. Thygesen, Danish Westcoast Fishermen's Association,
Esbjerg.

FRANCE

Observers

Capt. L.J. Audigou, Representative of the French
Merchant Marine in the United States and Canada,
Washington, D.C.

H.F. Barbier, Representative of the French Merchant
Marine in the United States and Canada, Washington, D.C.

ICELAND

Commissioner

P. Eggerz, Counselor of the Icelandic Legation,
Washington, D.C.

NORWAY

Commissioners

Dr. G. Rollefson, Director, Institute of Marine
Research, Directorate of Fisheries, Bergen.

B. Rasmussen, Institute of Marine Research,
Directorate of Fisheries, Bergen

O. Lund, Chief of Division, Directorate of Fisheries,
Bergen.

PORTUGAL

Observer

Comm. T. de Almeida, Fishery Department, Lisbon.

SPAIN

Commissioner

German Baraibar, Consul General for Spain,
Montreal, P.Q.

Alternate Commissioner

V. Erelles, Commercial Attache to the Consulate
General for Spain, Montreal, P.Q.

Advisers

P.D. Espada, Technical Director, PYSBE, San Sebastian.

C. Ojeda, Representative of Spanish Federation of
Fishing Boats, Madrid.

UNITED KINGDOM

Commissioners

A.T.A. Dobson, Fisheries Adviser, Ministry of
Agriculture and Fisheries, London.

Dr. C.E. Lucas, Director, Marine Laboratory,
Scottish Home Department, Aberdeen.

R.S. Wimpenny, Deputy Director, Fisheries Laboratory,
Lowestoft.

UNITED STATES

Commissioners

Dr. J.L. Kask, Assistant Director, Fish and Wildlife
Service, Washington, D.C.

B.K. Knollenberg, Chester, Connecticut.

Francis W. Sargent, Director, Division of Marine
Fisheries, Department of Conservation, Boston, Massachusetts.

Advisers

Herbert W. Graham, Chief, North Atlantic Fishery Investigations,
Fish and Wildlife Service, Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Dr. Lionel A. Walford, Chief, Branch of Fishery Biology,
Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington D.C.

Assistant advisers

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C. Taylor)

Observers

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T. Rice, Massachusetts Fisheries Association Inc.,
Boston, Massachusetts.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Observer

Dr. D.B. Finn, Director, Fisheries Division, Food and
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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE
EXPLORATION OF THE SEA

Observer

Dr. Å. Vedel Tåning, Chairman of the North-Western Area
Sub-Committee of the International Council for the
Exploration of the Sea, Charlottenlund Slot, Denmark.

SECRETARIAT

Acting Executive Secretary	- Dr. W.R. Martin
Commission Statistician	- Mr. J. Côté
Commission Stenographer	- Miss J. Welsh
Special Assistant	- Mr. J.J. Lamb, Executive Assistant, Department of Fisheries, Ottawa.
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Stenographers for Meetings	- Miss N.M. Parker, Atlantic Biological Station, St. Andrews, N.E.
	- Miss D. Inkpen, Newfoundland Fisheries Board, St. John's, Newfoundland.
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APPENDIX II

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, ST. ANDREWS, N.B., 30 JUNE 1952

Agenda

1. Introductory remarks by Acting Chairman.
2. Adoption of the Agenda as below.
3. Election of new Chairman.

(Note: Under Rules of Procedure No. 9, the period for which a new Chairman can be elected, in the circumstances that have arisen, is limited to one year.)
4. Statement as to Ratifications.
5. Review of Panel Membership (Article 4 (2) 1949 Convention).
6. Working arrangements with other organizations.
7. Report on staff matters.
8. Consideration of Budget 1952/53, in the light of estimated expenditure during 1951/52.
9. Report by Acting Chairman on Permanent Site of Headquarters.
10. Appointment of permanent Executive Secretary.
11. Consideration of Article 10 of the 1949 Convention (Future administration of the Commission Affairs).

(Note: The Commission may wish to refer items 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 to the Committee on Finance and Administration for report.)
12. Policy as regards future publications, administrative, statistical or scientific.

13. Report by the Committee on Research and Statistics.
(Note: It is intended that this Committee will meet prior to the first plenary session for the purpose of considering various reports from different quarters that have been circulated, as well as item 12.)
14. Report by the Committee on Finance and Administration.
(Note: It is intended that this Committee will meet immediately before the first plenary session for the purpose of considering the budget and certain administrative matters.)
15. Reports from Panels I and V.
16. Date and Place of next meeting.
17. Other Business.
18. Press Release.
19. Adjournment.

(Note: Under Other Business the matter of "Conservation of the Harp Seal Fishery" will be considered in accordance with the notice distributed to Governments on 24 May 1952.)