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Notes on the Commission's Publications
and their Distribution.
by the Executive Secretary

During more recent years the Commission's publications have increased considerably partly through

- (a) an increase in volume of already existing publications (Annual Proceedings, Statistical Bulletins, List of Fishing Vessels)
- (b) more frequent use of the series: Special Publications
- (c) the addition of new series (Redbook, Sampling Yearbook)
- (d) an increase in numbers of copies distributed (increased demand)
- (e) an increase in number of member countries.

The following table shows this development:

Fiscal year 1952/53	\$	No. of copies	No. of pages	Total No. of pages	Price in cents per one page
Second Annual Report	1,513.24	2,000	68	136,000	1.11
List of Fishing Vessels	50.00	200	36	7,200	0.70
Total:	1,563.24	2,200	104	143,200	

Fiscal year 1956/57

Annual Proceedings	2,162.11	1,550	74	114,700	1.89
Stat. Bulletin	2,562.45	1,500	58	87,000	2.94
List of Fish. Vess.	80.00	200	50	10,000	0.80
Spec. Publ. No. 1 (Biarritz Rep)	5,532.14	2,100	340	714,000	0.78
Total:	10,336.70	5,350	522	925,700	

Fiscal year 1961/62 (partly estimates)

Annual Proceedings	2,950.00	1,300	112	145,600	2.03
Stat. Bulletin	2,855.48	1,300	70	91,000	3.14
List of Fish. Vess.	400.00	500	84	42,000	0.95
Redbook	320.00	300	164	49,200	0.65
Redfish Symp. Rep. (ICNAF part)	3,896.00	1,000	311	311,000	1.25
Sampling Yearbook	450.00	340	213	72,420	0.62
Assessment Report	2,000.00	2,000	70	140,000	1.43
Total:	12,871.48	6,740	1,024	851,220	

Of these publications those published in a larger (> 1,000) copies are printed in a printing office; these are Ann. Proc. w. App. Stat. Bull., and Spec. Publ. The others (List of Vessels, Redbook, Sampling Yearbook) with a smaller number of copies (up to 500) are multilithed in the office.

As the figures in the last column show, these latter are cheaper to reproduce than the former: 0.6 - 1.0 cents per page against 1.4 - 3.1 cents; here it must, however, be remembered that the work done in the office (typing and running of stencils, assembling of pages) is not included in the expenses.

The fluctuation in the price per page of the printed publications is due, in the main, to the general increase in costs of labour during the years, and in some degree to the variations in the numbers of copies produced. The lower prices for the Assessment Report and Redfish Symposium Report are due partly to these reports being printed in Germany

and partly to the larger number of copies produced (here the price per page).

Table 1 shows the numbers of copies of each of the publications distributed to member countries (and others) at the first distribution, i.e. just after publication. It is here to be noted that, following decision by the Commission, "100 copies may be distributed free to any member country and that any further number be charged for at the actual cost of production."

Table 2 shows for all publications: numbers produced, numbers distributed at first circulation (right after printing) and in later years (up to March 1962), total distribution, and stock at hand by March 1962.

The Commission is its own publisher; this means that all distribution is carried out by the Secretariat, and that the whole stock is kept in the premises of the office - occupying now, after 10 years, most of the place available in a fairly large room + a minor storage room. It is evident that in the course of some years the problem of storage space has to be considered.

The numbers printed have been somewhat reduced over the years from 2,000 to 1,300 for Ann. Proc. and from 1,800 to 1,300 for the Stat. Bull.

It can be visualized that in another 10 - 20 years the Commission will begin to have used up some of the volumes of the printed publications (Proc., Bull., Spec. Publ.), and that we shortly will begin to run out of the mimeographed publications (Redbook, Sampl. Yearbook and List of Vessels) with restricted publication.

The numbers distributed per year - after the 1st distribution - varies rather considerably, between ca. 20 and ca. 50. If we take 35 as the average, this will indicate that of the latest volumes of Ann. Proc. and Stat. Bull. printed in 1,300 copies the stock at this rate would be used up in another 10 - 15 years, or perhaps a little more as the demand diminishes somewhat during the years.

It is my impression that it is sufficient to be able to provide copies for a period up to 15 - 30 years after printing; this again means that the number of copies printed could be left at the present number, 1,300. To go below this number is hardly advisable.

The number 2,000, for Spec. Public. (when published solely by ICNAF) appears to be reasonable.

Of the three mimeographed publications, second issues can be prepared in the office, at an expense of ca. 300 dollars per issue. The question of availability of labour (time involved) will be somewhat eased by the fact that the work could be done at any time during the year.

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TABLE 1

Present Distribution to Countries:

	Ann.Proc. Vol. 11	Stat.Bull. Vol. 9	Special 1	Publ.No. 22/ 33/	Redbook 1961	Sampl. Yearb. Vol. 4	List of Fish. Vess.1959	
Canada	350	310	200	204	220	33	20	75
Denmark	35	35	40		10	4	10	25
France	26	26	100		20	6	20	25
Germany	25	25	50		30	4	10	15
Iceland	6	6	10		10	1	5	10
Italy	20	20	25		10	1	5	10
Norway	20	20	100		10	2	5	25
Poland	10	10			10	2	4	5
Portugal	40	40	50		20	2	20	26
Spain	40	40	50		15	4	15	25
U.S.S.R	20	20	50		50	5	10	10
Y.K.	50	50	100		70	5	25	75
J.S.A.	180	180	100	200	220	37	25	50
Other countries	50	50	50	20	5	4	10	10
Intern. organ.	20	20	530 ^{1/}	30		23	40	30
Others	20	40	10	10	5	5	5	10
	912	892	1,465	464	705	138	229	426

1/ thereof FAO 500

2/ distribution outside N. America mainly by FAO and ICES

3/ distribution in Europe mainly by ICES.

Table 2.

Distribution of publications over the years, and remaining stock,
March 1962

	Vol.No.	Year printed	No.of copies printed	1st.distr- ibution.	Later dis- tribution	Total dist.	Remaining stock, March 1962
Annual Proc.	1	1951	2,000	?	?	1,857	143
	2	52	2,000	680	354	1,034	966
	3	53	1,500	630	333	963	537
	4	54	1,500	640	317	957	543
	5	55	1,800	700	438	1,138	662
	6	56	1,550	730	220	950	600
	7	57	1,500	800	125	925	575
	8	58	1,500	800	157	957	543
	9	59	1,500	800	114	914	586
	10	60	1,400	870	130	1,000	400
	11	61	1,300	912			388
Stat. Bull.	1	1952	as reprint of Ann. Proc. Vol. 2				36
	2	54	1,500	630	269	899	60
	3	55	1,500	750	290	1,040	460
	4	56	1,800	750	200	950	850
	5	57	1,500	750	100	850	650
	6	58	1,500	760	60	820	680
	7	59	1,400	790	36	826	574
	8	60	1,300	840	24	864	436
	9	61	1,300	892	18	910	390
Special Public.							
No.1 Biarritz		1958	2,100	1,465	251	1,716	384
No.2 Lisbon		1960	600 ^{1/}	464	86	550	50
No.3 Redfish		1961	1,000 ^{2/}	705		705	295
No.4 Tagging		1962	2,000				
Redbook		1958	200	130	60	190	10
"		1959	300	175	98	273	27
"		1960	274	185	80	265	9
"		1961	295	148	18	166	129
Sample Yearb.	1		307	220	86	306	
"	"	2	354	225	63	288	6
"	"	3	330	225	41	266	64
"	"	4	280	229	24	253	27
List of Fish.Ves.		1953	200	150	40	190	10
		1956	200	140	31	171	29
		1959	500	426	19	445	55

1/ ICNAF stock of joint paper (FAO, ICES, ICNAF)

2/ ICNAF stock of joint paper (ICES, ICNAF)