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Report of the First Meeting of the ICES/ICNAF/IOC Coordinating Group  
for North Atlantic Oceanography  
Copenhagen, 3 October 1968

1. At its 1968 meeting, R&S reviewed IOC Resolution V/13 (Comm.Doc.68/3) which invited ICNAF to establish, together with ICES and IOC, a joint coordinating body for North Atlantic oceanography. The Commission approved the R&S recommendation

- (i) that ICNAF reaffirm the conclusions reached at the discussion in 1967 of the proposal for large-scale hydrographical surveys of the North Atlantic (Redbook 1967, Pt. I, pp.69-70, No. 7);
- (ii) that, nevertheless, the invitation to send two representatives to a Coordinating Group with IOC and ICES should be accepted on the understanding that the main purpose of the group will be the co-ordination of hydrographic work being undertaken under the auspices of the various international bodies and not the planning of new large-scale programs of investigation;
- (iii) that ICNAF be represented at the first meeting of the Group which may be held at the forthcoming ICES meeting in October 1968 by the Executive Secretary and one other member.

2. The first meeting of the interagency coordinating group was held in Copenhagen, 3 October 1968, with the following present:

For ICES: The Chairman of the Hydrography Committee, Prof. G. Dietrich, and the General Secretary, Mr Hans Tambs-Lyche;

For ICNAF: Mr J.A. Posgay, acting for the Chairman of the Environmental Subcommittee, Dr H.W. Graham, and the Executive Secretary, Mr L. Day;

For IOC: Mr A.J. Lee, meeting for the Secretary, Dr K.N. Fedorov.

3. Dr H.W. Graham (USA) was elected Chairman, and in his absence, Mr J.A. Posgay (USA) was asked to chair the present meeting.

4. The Group agreed:

- a) To recommend that the Hydrography Committee of ICES and the Environmental Subcommittee of ICNAF inform their respective Secretariats after each annual meeting of any international cooperative oceanographic programs contemplated for the future for which the participating countries solicit the cooperation of other countries. These plans would then be circulated to the Secretariats of ICES, ICNAF and IOC.
- b) To recommend that the operating agencies of those countries operating Weather Ships in the North Atlantic be encouraged to exchange what oceanographic data these ships collect on stations and while proceedings to and from these stations. The operating agencies should also be requested to advise the Secretariats of ICES, ICNAF and IOC of the kinds of data collected and the area and dates of collection.

5. The Group agreed to meet again at the 1969 Statutory Meeting of ICES in Dublin.