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Report of the Second Meeting of the ICES/ICNAF/IOC
Coordinating Group for the North Atlantic

Place: Royal Dublin Society, Dublin, Ireland

Date: October 2, 1969

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Participants: Herbert W. Graham, Chairman (Chairman ICNAF
Environmental Studies Subcommittee)

Lewis R. Day, Executive Secretary, ICNAF

Arthur Lee, Chairman, ICES Hydrography Committee

Hans Tambs-Lyche, General Secretary, ICES

R. C. Junghans, IOC Assistant Secretary for IGOS

The group referred to the agreement reached at its last meeting 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.

It was noted that the exchange between ICES and ICNAF is operating satisfactorily but that IOC may not be receiving all information pertinent to coordination in the North Atlantic. It was pointed out that the ICES Proces-Verbaux provides all recommendations relating to joint oceanographic work and that the ICNAF Redbook contains records of all ICNAF agreements on joint research. However, the member from the IOC Secretariat indicated that the two documents mentioned previously were not available in the office of the Secretariat. The Secretaries of the two organizations agreed to call attention to significant parts of these publications to the IOC Secretariat when transmitting them so that the IOC would be fully aware of oceanographic research, particularly joint research, which was planned by ICES and ICNAF countries in the North Atlantic.

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With reference to the second recommendation of the last meeting, it was noted that weather ships are providing oceanographic data while on station and while proceeding to and from stations. These data should go to national data centers and then on to World Data Center who publish catalogs of inventories of such data. It was also noted that the U.S. Coast Guard is publishing annually the oceanographic data collected by U.S. weather ships.

During a brief discussion of the Integrated Global Ocean Station System (IGOSS) currently being developed by the IOC, the General Secretary of ICES advised that Mr. J. Smed has been designated as the ICES representative for IGROSS matters.

It was further noted that the ICES Council had before it the following resolutions this year (later passed as C. Res. 1969/1:11)

"It was decided that:-

- a) ICES should prepare an inventory of oceanographic observations made at all the North Atlantic Ocean Weather Stations;
- b) the Serial Station Data and Sea Surface Observations made at Ocean Weather Stations A, I, J, K and M be published annually in the ICES Oceanographic Data Lists over an initial period of 5 years; and
- c) the Service Hydrographique of ICES prepare an annual analysis of these data for inclusion in each of the volumes of the Oceanographic Data Lists."

A suggestion was made that wider disseminations of information regarding plans for oceanographic research in the North Atlantic might be effected through publication of notices in "International Marine Science".

The working group noted a decision of ICES regarding the Canadian contribution to the Annales Biologique. The Chairman of the Hydrography Committee agreed to prepare a summary of the hydrographic part of the Annales Biologique and to include a summary of conditions in the western Atlantic.

It was noted that (a) the NORWESTLANT Report has now been published and (b) ICNAF intends to hold an Environmental Symposium on the 1960s during its 1971 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.