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Report of the General Council of NAFO

Tuesday, 14 September, 1030 hrs
Thursday, 16 September, 1030 hrs
and 1630 hrs

1. The General Council was called to order at 1030 in the Imperial Ballroom of the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax on the 14th September 1982 by its Chairman, Dr. V. K. Zilanov (USSR).
2. The Chair called the attention of the meeting to the fact that with the presence of delegates from Canada, Cuba, European Economic Communities (EEC), Faroes, German Democratic Republic, Japan, Norway, Poland, Portugal and the USSR there was a "quorum" for this meeting. (Appendix I)
3. Following traditional practice, the Chairman appointed the Executive Secretary Rapporteur.
4. The meeting was then informed that the following governments' representatives had been admitted as Observers: Spain and U.S.A.
5. The Chairman then proposed and it was unanimously accepted that the Publicity for the meeting be handled as usual.
6. Upon the proposal by the Chairman of the Provisional Agenda for adoption, the delegate of the USSR disagreed with the insertion of item 9 (See Appendix 2 to Circular Letter 82/49) with that number under the heading ADMINISTRATION and proposed that the matter be discussed under the item "Other Business". No delegations objected to this proposal and the EEC delegation only intervened to make clear that the Council of Europe was a body completely differentiated and independent from the EEC. Since no objection was registered the proposal was adopted and the items in the agenda renumbered accordingly.

The delegate of the USSR also proposed in regard to the Agenda that in item 9 the word "external" be eliminated as it did not appear in GC Doc 81/IX/7, Revised. This was agreed. (Appendix II)

7. When the Proceedings were tendered for approval, they were approved without amendments.
8. Under Item 7, Review of Membership, the delegate of Canada suggested that an informal discussion should take place on the subject of "quorum" both of the General Council and the Fisheries Commission. The point was made that it was the prerogative of the General Council to determine the membership of the Fisheries Commission and the relationship between the number of members of that Commission and its quorum was obvious. The delegate of Canada informed the Council that Bulgaria had last fished in the NAFO Regulatory Area in 1980 and had not fished in 1981 and 1982, so far, and that Romania had not fished in the Regulatory Area since 1979.

An invitation was extended to all persons who had participated in the drawing up of the NAFO Convention, and any delegation that wished to participate in the discussion, to form a Working Group which would study the question of membership of the Fisheries Commission and the problems of quorums in the future.

This was agreed with Canada, Cuba, EEC, Japan, Portugal and the USSR declaring their wish to participate in the work of the Group. The delegate of Canada expressed the hope that the Executive Secretary, as one of the persons responsible for the text of the Convention, would volunteer to collaborate in the work of the Group.

9. The delegate of Spain, observer to the meeting, asked for the floor for an extensive statement that in the end he requested be made into a meeting document. This not being opposed by any of the representatives present, was approved by the President (see GC Doc 82/IX/7).

The delegate of Canada stated that he was certainly glad that Spain was joining NAFO and would look forward to its collaboration within the framework of the Organization. The delegate of Cuba declared that it would be a great joy for his country that Spain would join NAFO and work with all its members for the common good of the fisheries.

10. The Chairman then tackled the discussion of item 8 of the Agenda and asked the Executive Secretary to introduce and explain the subject - Amendments to Rules of Procedure.

The Executive Secretary read and commented on Attachment I to Appendix 2 of Circular Letter 82/40 and, since in that document several alternatives are given for decision, the Chairman decided to give more time for consideration of the matter and move back to it at a later date at the meeting, envisaging the possibility of leaving the final decision to the next meeting of the General Council.

11. The Chairman then called the attention of the Council to item 9 in the Agenda - Current threats to conservation in the Regulatory Area. The delegate of Canada referred the meeting to FC Doc 82/IX/6 which they intended to present to the Fisheries Commission. They had no intention to make any comments and the paper was presented only as a piece of information.
12. Proceeding with the continuation of the consideration of Agenda matters, the Chairman proposed to refer items 10 to 16 inclusive to STACFAD.
13. Before the Chairman adjourned the meeting for the moment, the delegate of Canada requested a change in the provisional timetable as described in Appendix 1 of Circular Letter 82/49. He proposed that in the afternoon of 14 September or at least not immediately at 1430 the Fisheries Commission would not meet. Instead, an intergovernmental meeting would be held between the Canadian government and the Contracting Parties. When these consultations finished, the Fisheries Commission would be free to start its work.

This was agreed and the Chairman adjourned the session at 1300 of the 14th September.

14. The General Council was convened for a new session at 1030 of 16 September.

The delegate of Portugal asked for the floor to declare that he wished to make public and crystal clear that his country had the greatest pleasure at the news that Spain was soon to become a member of NAFO. The delegate of Japan wished also to associate his country with this declaration.

15. Under item 7 of the Agenda, Review of Membership, the delegate of Canada, Chairman of the Working Group formed to discuss this matter, reported what had been the opinion of the Group and presented the draft of a resolution of the Organization, that implemented the Group's opinion.

After an extensive discussion of the terms of the draft resolution it was decided that the Working Group should meet again in order to revise it as it seemed a little harsh and some delegations thought that it should not mention "quorum" problems.

16. Under item 8, Approval of consequential amendments to Rules of Procedure, it was decided to approve immediately sections 1 and 2 of attachment 1 to Appendix 2 of Circular Letter 82/40 and leave the remainder for study during the year and approval at the next annual meeting.
17. Under items 11 to 16 of the Agenda, all under the heading FINANCE, the Chairman gave the floor to the Chairman of STACFAD who presented its report for adoption, summarizing that the Committee had three main recommendations for the Council's approval. (Appendix III) The first of these concerned item 9 of the STACFAD Agenda and changed the method of funding of the employees' pension plan. The conversion would result in an initial increase in costs. However, these costs would even out over time and the Committee was satisfied that the expense was reasonable. STACFAD recommended the adoption of the new pension scheme for the Secretariat employees, effective the commencement of the next pension year (October 1, 1982).

The second recommendation concerned the review of expenditures to be reduced including the consolidation of the mailing list. STACFAD would like to support the efforts of the Executive Secretary to reduce the cost of communications, publications, contractual services, annual and mid-term meetings and recommended to the General Council that each Contracting Party delegation bring up to date their mailing list and reduce it to fair proportions. The Committee supported the establishment of charges for scientific publications produced by NAFO in an effort to bring about efficient and economical results.

Turning to the financial statements circulated with the administrative report (GC Doc 82/IX/2), STACFAD reported that the expenditures to date were in accordance with the budget. The finances of NAFO were in a healthy state and STACFAD agreed to recommend that the accumulative surplus fund at the end of 1982 be maintained at \$75,000. The balance, \$141,975, would be applied against the budget for 1983 and therefore reduce contributions by Contracting Parties. From the budget estimate for 1983, the Council would find two versions of the proposed budget attached to the STACFAD report. If the 1983 meeting would be held in Halifax, version A be adopted; if in another country, version B be adopted.

18. The Council then heard the delegate of the USSR tender the invitation of his government for the next annual meeting to be held in Leningrad.

This was well received by the delegates of Cuba and Canada and unanimously accepted.

19. The date of the meeting was then discussed and it was agreed to hold it during 13-23 September 1983 subject to later arrangements and precisions.

20. Immediately afterwards the Council adopted the report of STACFAD and all its recommendations, including a preliminary calculation of billing in accordance with the decisions previously taken (see Appendix IV).

21. Coming to Agenda item 18, "Other Business", the Council was informed of the death of the late Canadian Commissioner, Mr. K. Henriksen and a minute of silence was kept in his memory. It was agreed that the matter of the Council of Europe was simply for information. The Chairman then adjourned the session at 1150 of 16 September.

22. The session was reconvened at 1630 to discuss the results of the last meeting of the Working Group dealing with the problem of the Fisheries Commission's revision of membership.

The delegate of Canada, Chairman of the Working Group, reported that the Group had decided to withdraw the draft Resolution proposed earlier. Instead, the consensus of the Group was that the Executive Secretary should be instructed by the General Council to write to the government of Bulgaria and the government of Romania in order to draw their attention to the quorum problem and ascertain their intentions regarding their attendance at the next annual meeting and their participation in NAFO fisheries, explaining the requirements set down in Articles III and XIV of the Convention.

If the result of these communications indicated the risk that these countries would not fulfill the requirements for membership under the terms of these articles and that a quorum might not be attained at the next annual meeting, the Executive Secretary should initiate action for a postal vote on the determination of the Fisheries Commission Membership at the next annual meeting.

This was agreed.

23. The Council agreed to proceed with the Press Statement (Appendix V) and the final minutes of the meeting in the traditional manner and the Chairman then adjourned the session at 1730.

APPENDIX I

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(still pending final revision until
31 December 1982)

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

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Drafting Note

The classification of the participants into the categories of representatives, alternates, advisers and observers should be made and notified to the Executive Secretary by each Contracting Party as per Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Council, Fisheries Commission and Scientific Council.

Unfortunately, not only very few Contracting Parties have complied with this rule, but also the ICNAF-type Registration Cards still in use are not very helpful for the purpose.

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4th Annual Meeting of NAFO
Halifax, Nova Scotia - 8-17 September 1982

General Council

Agenda

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Opening by the Chairman, Dr. V. K. Zilanov (USSR)
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Admission of Observers
5. Publicity

ADMINISTRATION

6. Approval of Proceedings of 3rd Annual Meeting, September 1981 (GC Doc 81/IX/7, Revised)
7. Review of Membership of:
 - a) General Council
 - b) Fisheries Commission
8. Approval of consequential amendments to Rules of Procedure (See attachment 1 to Appendix 2 of Circular Letter 82/40)
9. Current threats to conservation in the Regulatory Area (See section 15 of above-mentioned GC Doc.)
10. Administrative Report

FINANCE

11. Auditor's Report
12. Review of salary arrangements of the Executive Secretary (GC Doc 81/IX/7, Rev., page 13, end of paragraph 5)
13. Review of costs of the Executive Secretary's pension fund (Idem, beginning of page 13)
14. New pension plan presented by the International Fisheries Commissions Pension Society (GC Doc 82/IX/1)
15. Review of Meeting Dates
16. Report of STACFAD

CLOSING PROCEDURES

17. Time and Place of Next Meeting
18. Other Business
19. Press Statement
20. Adjournment

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATIONFOURTH ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1982Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD)

Monday, 13 September, 1100 hrs
and 1500 hrs

1. STACFAD met at 1100 in Salon 6 of the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax on the 13th September 1982 under the chairmanship of Dr. V. K. Zilanov (USSR), Chairman of the General Council.
2. Dr. Zilanov opened the meeting by explaining that he was chairing the meeting because the previous STACFAD chairman, Ms. Diana Pethick, had terminated her mandate after serving her full two years.

He praised her past services as chairman of the Committee and then, following the provisional agenda, asked for the election of a chairman.

In response, the delegate of the USSR pointed out that in his interpretation the Rule of Procedure of the General Council 5.2 did not preclude the re-election of a chairman for another period of two years, and in the present circumstances, he proposed that the best solution was the re-election of the delegate of Canada for the presidency.

After an extensive exchange of views on the proper interpretation of the above-mentioned Rule of Procedure 5.2, the text of which, as opposed to the text of the Convention in relation to the election of the chairman and vice-chairman of General Council, Scientific Council and Fisheries Commission, does not make clear the question of re-elections, it was unanimously agreed to re-elect Ms. D. Pethick for another two-year term as Chairman of STACFAD. In support of the Committee's decision to re-elect, despite the lack of an explicit rule providing for re-election, STACFAD noted that the Convention text allows one-term re-election and the Committee rules, in the absence of express restrictions, should not be interpreted more strictly than the rules in the Convention's text.

3. Taking the chair, the delegate of Canada, Ms. Diana Pethick, appointed as Rapporteur the Executive Secretary, and proceeded to present the Provisional Agenda for adoption.
4. The Agenda was approved without amendments. (See Annex I to this Report)
5. Under item 5, Review of Membership, it was concluded that the same Contracting Parties: Canada, Cuba, EEC, Japan, Norway, Portugal and the USSR formed the Standing Committee even though Japan had informed that it could not be present at the opening session.
6. The Auditor's Report was then approved after a brief presentation by the Chairman and the Rapporteur.
7. Under item 7, Review of the Salary arrangements of the Executive Secretary, the Chairman, after introducing the subject, gave the floor to the Executive Secretary who explained what actions had been taken when the Canadian Government had eliminated the wage category SX-1 in which he had initially been placed and why he could not accept a solution which would place him in any position interpolated between two categories, a solution which had never been taken in ICNAF or NAFO in relation to any member of the Secretariat. He said that it was the opinion of the Government Personnel experts who had been consulted in Halifax that he should be placed in the category EX-2 and it was the confirmation of that action that he requested. The Chairman proposed that this be granted and its approval recommended. This was agreed.
8. Under item 8, Review of costs of the Executive Secretary's pension fund, the corresponding account was introduced. After detailed explanations by the Executive Secretary, the method of comparison and the account were approved and their approval by the General Council recommended, as demanded by procedure, subject to the Auditor General's scrutiny of the documentation as it had been decided previously by the General Council.
9. Addressing item 9, New Pension Plan presented by the International Fisheries Commissions Pension Society, the Chairman, after a brief exposé of the question and a presentation by the Executive Secretary of papers GC Docs. 82/IX/1,3,4,5 and 6, asked the Committee to allow the Secretary of the International Fisheries Commissions Pension Society, Mrs. Jean Martin, to join the meeting to give any further explanation the Committee would wish to receive.

After a brief break, Mrs. Jean Martin joined the meeting and after some short elucidations the New Pension Plan was approved following an examination of the expenses involved which had been forecasted as reasonable.

STACFAD therefore agreed to recommend to the General Council the adoption of the new pension plan for Secretariat employees, effective the commencement of the next pension year (October 1, 1982).

10. As the Administrative Report (GC Doc 82/IX/2) had to be revised by taking into account the costs of the new Pension Plan, the Chairman proposed that the Committee consider item 12 - Review of mailing lists and expenditures to be reduced.

This was agreed and then the Chairman gave the floor to the Executive Secretary who explained the action the Secretariat had taken in an effort to reduce Publications and Communications costs. Every Contracting Party had been requested to bring up-to-date its mailing list and reduce it to fair proportions and help encourage the subscription of scientific publications produced by NAFO.

It was felt however that some lists could still be simplified by taking account of the fact that when it came to documents, as opposed to books or journals, it was far cheaper to have them copied and distributed locally than post them individually and separately to each receiving official.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the General Council that each Contracting Party delegation address this problem in order to bring about the most efficient and economical result.

The Executive Secretary undertook to present at the next annual meeting a report on the economies so far achieved.

The Executive Secretary pointed out that although travel had become considerably more expensive, the Secretariat had managed to hold down the amounts spent under that item.

The other important cost items "Other Contractual Services", "Materials and Supplies", "Annual and Mid-term Meetings" and "Computer Services" were increasingly expensive even though their growth had been stopped for the moment.

The Committee considered that the requested review had been carried out and the Chairman, due to the lateness of the hour, adjourned the session until after lunch.

11. The session of STACFAD was reconvened at 1500 hrs in Salon 6 of the Lord Nelson Hotel.

The Committee considered the Administrative Report and Financial Statements for 1982 (to 31 August 1982) (GC Doc 82/IX/2) and its revision due to the New Pension Plan.

All the included statements were approved and the Committee took note that Bulgaria and Romania had not yet paid their 1982 contributions and agreed to call the attention of the General Council to this point.

12. The Committee considered that the finances of NAFO were in a healthy state and agreed to recommend to the General Council that the accumulated surplus at the end of 1982 be maintained at \$75,000.

13. The Chairman then led the Committee in a review of the Budget Estimate for 1983 (see Attachment I to Appendix 4 of Circular Letter 82/49). As a result the budget attached as Annex II to this report was approved, in two versions. Version A assumed that the 1983 Annual Meeting would take place in Halifax. Version B resulted from assuming that an invitation to hold a meeting abroad would be accepted by the General Council.

14. The Committee then considered the Preliminary Budget Forecast for 1984.

After a brief analysis of Attachment II to Appendix 4 to Circular Letter 82/49, the Budget was approved after the introduction of some corrections and is appended as Annex III to this Report.

15. Under item 15, Billing date for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1982, the date of 15 February 1983 was approved.

16. After the Chairman introduced the discussion of time and place of 1983, 84 and 85 meetings, it was finally decided to recommend the following dates for the annual meetings:

1983 - 7-12 or 12-16 September - Halifax or Leningrad
1984 - 11-14 - September - Halifax
1985 - 9-13 - September - Halifax

Since there was no other business to discuss, the Chairman, after thanking the members of the Committee, adjourned the Meeting.

4th Annual Meeting of NAFO
Halifax, Nova Scotia - 8-17 September 1982

Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD)

AGENDA

1. Opening by the Chairman of the General Council, Dr. V. K. Zilanov (USSR)
2. Election of Chairman
3. Appointment of Rapporteur
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Review of Membership
6. Auditor's Report
7. Review of salary arrangements of the Executive Secretary
8. Review of costs of the Executive Secretary's pension fund
9. New Pension Plan presented by the International Fisheries Commissions Pension Society
10. Administrative Report and Financial Statements for 1982 (to 31 August 1982)
11. Review of Accumulative Surplus Account
12. Review of mailing lists and expenditures to be reduced
13. Budget Estimate for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1983
14. Budget Forecast for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1984
15. Billing date for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1982 (15 February 1983)
16. Time and Place of 1983, 1984 and 1985 Annual Meetings
17. Other Business
18. Adjournment

	<u>VERSION A</u>	<u>VERSION B</u>
1. Personal Services		
(a) Salaries	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000
(b) New Pension Plan	35,500	35,500
(c) Additional help	1,000	1,000
(d) Group Medical & Insurance Plan	6,000	6,000
(e) Termination Benefits	15,000	15,000
(f) Accrued Vacation Pay	12,000	12,000
2. Travel	8,000	8,000
3. Transportation of Things	1,000	1,000
4. Communications	35,000	35,000
5. Publications	20,000	20,000
6. Other Contractual Services	35,000	35,000
7. Materials and Supplies	22,000	22,000
8. Equipment	5,000	5,000
9. Annual & Mid-Year Meetings	25,000	27,500
10. Computer Services	30,000	30,000
11. Contingencies	12,000	12,000
	<u>\$ 642,500</u>	<u>\$ 645,000</u>

Budget Forecast 1984

1. Personal Services	
(a) Salaries	\$ 415,000
(b) New Pension Plan	40,000
(c) Additional Help	1,000
(d) Group Medical and Insurance Plans	7,000
(e) Termination Benefits	17,000
(f) Accrued Vacation Pay	20,000
2. Travel	10,000
3. Transportation of Things	1,000
4. Communications	40,000
5. Publications	17,000
6. Other Contractual Services	40,000
7. Materials and Supplies	25,000
8. Equipment	5,000
9. Annual and Mid-Year Meetings	25,000
10. Computer Services	35,000
11. Contingencies	<u>15,000</u>
	\$ 713,000

Preliminary calculation of billing for Contracting Parties
 against proposed estimates of \$645,000.00 for the 1983
 financial year (based on 13 Contracting Parties to NAFO)

Budget estimate \$ 645,000
 Deduct: Amount from Accumulated Surplus 138,357
 Funds required to meet 1983 budget \$ 506,643

60% of fund required = \$ 303,985.80
 10% of fund required = 50,664.30
 30% Of fund required = 151,992.90

Contracting Parties	Nominal Catches for 1980	% of Total Catch in the Convention Area	% of 60% \$ Canadian Funds	Coastal States 10%	10% \$ Canadian Funds	30% Divided Equally Amongst 13 Contracting Parties	Total Amount Due from Each Contracting Party (\$ Canadian Funds)
Bulgaria	1,097	0.08	243.19	-	-	11,691.76	11,934.95
Canada	971,876	74.21	225,587.86	971,876	44,077.94	11,691.76	281,357.56
Cuba	9,156	0.70	2,127.90	-	-	11,691.76	13,819.66
ECC	145,389	11.10	33,742.42	145,389	6,586.36	11,691.76	52,020.54
Faroe Islands	11,591	0.89	2,705.47	-	-	11,691.76	14,397.23
GDR	4,881	0.37	1,124.75	-	-	11,691.76	12,816.51
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	11,691.76	11,691.76
Japan	30,648	2.34	7,113.27	-	-	11,691.76	18,805.03
Norway	5,063	0.39	1,185.55	-	-	11,691.76	12,877.31
Poland	4,494	0.34	1,033.55	-	-	11,691.76	12,725.31
Portugal	19,992	1.53	4,650.98	-	-	11,691.76	16,342.74
Romania	77	0.01	30.40	-	-	11,691.76	11,722.16
USSR	105,311	8.04	24,440.46	-	-	11,691.76	36,132.22
	1,309,575	100.00%	303,985.80	1,117,265	50,664.30	151,992.88	506,642.98