

THIRD ANNUAL MEETINGAdministrative Report for the Year ending 30 June 1953

by the Executive Secretary

The present report is, as a matter of fact, only incomplete, dealing with the time up to April 1953. A complete report will be prepared later to be included in the 3rd Annual Report.

1. Headquarters

Temporary headquarters of the Commission has been at the Atlantic Biological Station of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada. Until 1 December 1952 the Commission occupied three smaller rooms in the groundfish building. By the beginning of December, however, our offices were moved to a larger building where four spacious and comfortable rooms were made available to the Secretariat.

This change of headquarters offices caused a great improvement in working conditions and is greatly appreciated by the Secretariat, and so is the valuable assistance and great help in many ways given by the Atlantic Biological Station through the whole of the year.

Following the resolution of the Second Annual Meeting that the selection of future headquarters should be postponed until the next annual meeting and that, in the meantime, the possibility of sites other than St. John's and Halifax should be explored by a committee consisting of the Chairman and a representative from Iceland (Mr. P. Eggerz) and from Spain (Mr. G. Baraibar, since March replaced by Mr. V. Trelles) with the Executive Secretary as adviser, a great effort has been made in such an exploration.

In the course of the year now offers were received from various places in Canada and U.S.A. to the effect that by the end of 1952 offers were at hand from the following places:

In Canada: St. John's, Newfoundland; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Montreal, and Quebec.

In U.S.A.: Kingston, Rhode Island; Boston (Harvard) Massachusetts; Gloucester, Massachusetts; Durham, New Hampshire; Brunswick, Maine.

During November-February the Executive Secretary visited all these places and during the first half of March he submitted to the Committee a report of his findings including a description of the various offers and his appraisal of them. This report was considered by the Committee and dealt with at a committee meeting in Montreal on the 17th of March.

In March (30) an invitation was extended to the Commission to establish its permanent headquarters in New Bedford, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

2. Secretariat

At the Second Annual Meeting in June-July 1952 Dr. Erik M. Poulsen, Copenhagen, Denmark, was appointed Executive Secretary. He took over his position with the Commission on 10 October 1952. Dr. W.R. Martin continued as acting Executive Secretary until the end of November 1952. This overlapping was highly advantageous as it secured a certain continuity of staff work and made it possible for the new executive secretary to draw lavishly from Dr. Martin's great experience in and thorough knowledge of Commission matters.

Following a resolution of the Second Annual Meeting that the staff be increased to include an additional clerk-stenographer, Miss Theresa H. Devine (Ottawa, Canada) was appointed clerk-stenographer with the Commission and took up this post on 1 February 1953.

3. Officers

At the Second Annual Meeting Dr. J.L. Kask (U.S.A.) was elected Commission Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. A.T.A. Dobson (U.K.), who had acted as Chairman since Mr. Hilary J. Deason (U.S.A.) had discontinued his duties as Chairman, owing to ill health, returned to his post as Commission Vice-Chairman [during the interval occupied by Mr. F.W. Sargent (U.S.A.)]. It was understood that Dr. Kask as well as Mr. Dobson should continue in office until the conclusion of the Third Annual Meeting.

Panel- and Standing Committees Chairmen during the year were as follows:

Standing Committee on Finance and Administration:	J.H. MacKichan (Canada)
Standing Committee on Research and Statistics:	A.W.H. Needler (Canada)
Panel 1:	B. Dinesen (Denmark)
Panel 2:	R. Gushue (Canada)
Panel 3:	R. Gushue (Canada)
Panel 4:	J.H. MacKichan (Canada)
Panel 5:	F.W. Sargent (U.S.A.)

4. Ratifications

The following Signatory Governments deposited their ratifications of the Convention with the Depositary Government (U.S.A.) during the year:

The Government of Norway	on 2nd July 1952
The Government of Portugal	on 19th July 1952
The Government of Italy	on 19th August 1952
The Government of France	on 27th January 1953

Thus by now all ten Signatory Governments have deposited their instruments of ratification.

5. Panel memberships

Panel memberships as after the ratification by France are as follows:

Country	Panel No.					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
Canada		+	+	+	+	4
Denmark	+					1
France	+	+	+	+		4
Iceland						0
Italy	+	+	+	+		4
Norway	+					1
Portugal	+		+	+		3
Spain	+		+	+		3
United Kingdom	+		+			2
United States			+	+	+	3
TOTAL	7	3	7	6	2	25

6. Newsletters

Four newsletters were distributed from headquarters during the year in order to circulate information concerning Commission matters to Commissioners, reporters and advisers as well as to certain persons and institutions outside the Commission who would be interested in the Commission's work.

The newsletters were issued on 15 August 1952, 22 November 1952, 19 February 1953, and 28 April 1953.

7. Second Annual Report

According to decision at the Second Annual Meeting the "Second Annual Report for the year 1951-52" was printed. It was distributed during February, March 1953.

8. Co-operation with other International Organizations

The Secretariat was in close contact during the year with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as well as with the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

The Commission was represented at the Annual Meeting of ICES in Copenhagen in October 1952 by the Vice-Chairman and by the Acting Executive Secretary. The Commission's Statistician visited FAO headquarters in Rome during his travel to Europe in late fall 1952, where he had conferences with various fisheries officers.

Collaboration has been maintained with ICES and especially with FAO mainly in the field of fisheries statistics.

Between the Northwestern Subarea Committee of ICES and the Panel for Subarea 1 a close contact has been carried on, partly as to the planning of research work, and partly in order to insure a speedy and full exchange of research results.

A regular exchange of publications has been maintained with FAO and with ICES. From ICES the Commission has received a valuable collection of previous ICES-publications.

9. Larger travels

The Acting Executive Secretary attended the 50 Anniversary Meeting of ICES in Copenhagen in September-October 1952 (see point 8), and participated in the meetings of the Special Committee on the Commission's Research Program and of Panel 1 held in connection with the ICES Meeting. On his return trip he visited Bergen, London and Reykjavik. In these places as well as in Copenhagen he had conversations with various key persons mainly about the collecting of statistics.

In late autumn the Commission's Statistician travelled for nearly two months in Europe (France, Italy, Portugal and Spain). He contacted appropriate government officials and representatives of the fishing industry for considerations of matters concerned with the collecting of fisheries statistics. During the travel he also (see point 8) visited the FAO headquarters in Rome.

10. Commission's Research Program

The Special Committee on the Commission's Research Program held a two day's meeting (with L.A. Walford, U.S.A., in the Chair) in Copenhagen 26-27 September 1952. The basic problems connected with fisheries researches in the Convention Area were considered: what researches to make and how to make them. Preparations for a further meeting of the Committee were made. In late January 1953 some members of the Special Committee, being together in St. Andrews (Canada) for a Panel 5 advisers' meeting, made use of that opportunity to discuss and consider the research problem in preparation for the further meetings of the Special Committee.

During a three day's meeting in New Haven on 21-23 May 1953, just in advance of the Third Annual Meeting the Special Committee will prepare a report on the results of its work to be laid before the Commission during its Third Annual Meeting.

11. Panel 1

A meeting of the Panel for Subarea 1 was held in Copenhagen on 8 October 1952. Present were Commissioners from Denmark, Norway, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom with advisers, as well as observers from France, Iceland and U.S.A. Also representatives from ICES took part in the meeting. The meeting was welcomed by the Honorable K. Ree, Minister of Fisheries for Denmark.

Reports on research work carried out were delivered.

Following a consideration of the results of researches a full discussion of the research program for 1953 took place, and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary should request research programs for the year 1953 from governments participating in the work of the Subarea, and distribute such programs to the members of the Panel.

Research programs were received from all countries represented on the Panel as well as from Iceland and U.S.A., and they were distributed from headquarters early in the year of 1953.

The desirability of more detailed statistics were discussed and the Panel expressed the hope that all contracting governments would do their best to supply statistical data according to the memorandum distributed from headquarters on 1 October 1952.

12. Panel 5

A meeting of scientific advisers to Panel 5 was held in St. Andrews (Canada) on 27 January 1953. The main subjects were problems connected with the haddock regulations in Subarea 5 and with the planning of redfish researches.

It was pointed out that the research work now initiated for the study of the effects of the Regulations would have to be carried out for a series of years and that a reasonable assessment of the full benefit of the regulations would only be possible in the course of some 5-10 years.

It was agreed that the researches already proposed were adequate to the purpose. However, to get an early appraisal of the effects of the haddock regulations special fishing with small meshed gears for the youngest age-groups should be carried out from research vessels.

The question of special and extended researches on redfish was treated, and it was agreed that an extension of the research work in Subareas 3, 4, and 5 was needed.

Finally the U.S. research program in Subarea 5 was considered. It was noted that to meet the Commission's need the period for the operation of research vessels should be extended.

On 25-26 February 1953 a meeting was held in Woods Hole, Massachusetts of the Canadian and United States scientists to assess North American oceanographic programs in the area of interest to ICNAF.

At the meeting the following recommendation was made:

It was recommended that a small, select, standing Committee of Oceanographers be appointed to review, plan, and coordinate hydrographic programs in the Convention Area. The Executive Secretary should arrange the time of its annual meetings so as to minimize interference with the schedules of the participants. It appears that November may be most satisfactory.

13. Haddock Regulations in Subarea 5

The Commission's recommendation of regulations for the haddock fishery in Subarea 5 was transmitted to the Depository Government on 15 July 1952.

On 13 March 1953 the Secretariat was notified by the Depository Government that as the proposal for Haddock Regulations in Subarea 5 was accepted by the Governments of Canada and the United States on 13 February 1953, it would come into force for all the contracting governments on 13 June 1953.

The scientific advisers to Panel 5 have at their meeting on 27 January 1953 proposed some amendments to the methods for measuring of meshes. These will be dealt with during the Annual Meeting in May 1953.

14. Research Summaries

In accordance with Commission recommendation at the Second Annual Meeting that summaries of research should be requested from the participating countries for publication, the Secretariat asked, by circular letter of 5 December 1952, for the forwarding of such summaries.

During January-April 1953 the following summaries were forwarded to headquarters:

- Canada: Summary of Canadian Groundfish Research in the Convention Area during 1952, Subareas 2 and 3, by W. Templeman, Subarea 4, by A.W.H. Needler and W.R. Martin.
- Denmark: The Danish investigation work in Subarea 1 in 1952. By Paul M. Hansen.
- France: Summary Report of the Cruise of the French Research Vessel "President Theodore Tissier" in the Region of Newfoundland and Labrador (Subareas 2 and 3), August-September 1952. By P. Desbrosses.
- Iceland: Icelandic Researches 1952, Analysis of Trawler Caught Cod in Greenland Waters in 1952. By Jon Jonsson.
- Norway: Panel 1. Summary of Research Work by Norway 1952. By Finn Devold.
- Portugal: No reports on research are received. However, during the Panel 1 Meeting in Copenhagen 8 October 1952 (document 7) the delegates from Portugal and Spain reported on observations made as to density of stocks and sizes of cod caught from Commercial fishing vessels working in Subarea 1.
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- United Kingdom: Summary of Research Work carried out by the United Kingdom in the ICNAF Area in 1952. By Scottish Home Department.
- United States: United States Researches in Convention Area during 1952. By Herbert W. Graham.

These summaries were distributed from headquarters as far as possible in advance of the Third Annual Meeting. They will, with possible additions, be published in the Third Annual Report.

15. Research Programs

Research programs were forwarded to headquarters partly as a results of action taken by the Chairman of the Special Committee on Commission's Research Program and partly (for Subarea 1) following resolution by Panel 1 at its Copenhagen meeting. The research programs received cover action by nine countries in the belowstated subareas:

Canada:	Subareas 2, 3 and 4
Denmark:	Subarea 1
France:	Subareas 1, 2 and 3
Iceland:	Subarea 1
Norway:	Subarea 1
Portugal:	Subareas 1 and 3
Spain:	Subareas 1, 3 and 4
U.K.:	Subarea 1
U.S.A.:	Subareas 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

From this list it appears that researches are now carried out in all subareas of the Convention Area. In most subareas research work is carried out by several countries. This calls for a strict co-ordination of the various research programs to the effect that, as far as possible, 1) the various researches may supplement one another, and 2) that no unnecessary duplication of efforts occurs.

16. Collecting of Statistics

The statistical aspect of Commission work made great progress during the year. This is due to the good understanding each country has of the requirements of the Commission, and to the full cooperation given to the Secretariat during the year. The visits of the former Executive Secretary and of the Statistician to Europe were of great value for the understanding of the fisheries industry of the member countries.

Each recommendation relative to statistics were paid attention to by the member countries. Although all countries did not completely meet the statistical requirements, the amount of detailed information received shows a great progress. The Secretariat has received more detailed information on fishing effort. Many countries have reported their statistics compiled on a monthly basis. For 1951 a large part of the catch could not be accounted for by Subareas while for 1952, according to statistics received up to date, most of the catch is reported by Subareas. Countries fishing in Subarea 1 have given their statistics by Subareas Subdivisions as adopted at the Second Annual Meeting. The breakdown of the catch by size categories is made by more countries than in 1951.

Generally the progress made by countries toward meeting the requirements of the Commission is highly satisfactory.

17. Provisional Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year ending 30 June 1953.

This provisional statement was prepared on 18 May 1953. Expenses for the rest of the financial year are estimated.

I

Statement of budget appropriations, obligations incurred, and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year 1952/53.

Purpose of appropriation	Appropriated by Commission	Obligations incurred and liquidated up to 18 May	Expenses estimated for rest of fiscal year	Total obligations for fiscal year	Unobligated balances of appropriations
Personal Services	\$19,500	15,706.82	2,807.51	17,714.33	1,785.67
Travel, including subsistence	6,000	6,884.32	600.00	6,884.32	+ 884.32
Transportation of things	300	24.97	200.00	224.97	75.03
Communication Services	700	466.25	233.85	700.00	0
Rent and Utility Services	500	0	250.00	250.00	250.00
Other Contractual Services including Printing	2,000	1,881.03	118.97	2,000.00	0
Supplies and Materials	1,000	667.60	270.00	937.60	62.40
Equipment	2,000	1,164.48	600.00	1,764.48	235.52
Annual Meeting	4,000	1,287.38	2,500.00	3,787.38	212.62
	\$36,000	27,682.75	6,580.33	34,263.08	1,736.92

II

Statement of income and expenditure for the year ending 30 June 1953.

Income:

Contribution due from Spain for the year ending 30 June 1952	\$ 3,180.84
Unobligated balances from year ending 30 June 1952	11,393.66
Members' contributions assessed:	

Canada	\$ 3,772.57
Denmark	1,338.13
France	1,577.11
Iceland	526.65
Italy	3,704.86
Norway	1,539.14
Portugal	3,564.11
Spain	3,289.98
United Kingdom	2,149.62
United States	3,224.06

TOTAL 24,686.23

Less credits under Financial Regulations 5(8)

France's contribution	1,577.11
Italy's contribution	<u>3,704.86</u>

5,281.97

19,404.26

Add to be transferred from Working Capital Fund, credits member: Governments

2,021.24

TOTAL

36,000.00

Deduct obligations incurred (and liquidated) and estimated (statement I)

34,263.08

Excess of income over obligations incurred or estimated, carried to surplus account

\$ 1,736.92

III

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 15 May 1953.

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>General Fund</u>		Credits due to Members as per statement II	\$ 5,281.97
Cash at Bank	\$ 2,625.19	Estimate of expenditures rest of year (statement I)	6,580.33
Contributions receivable		Surplus (statement II)	1,736.92
Spain 1951/52	3,180.84		<u>13,599.22</u>
Spain 1952/53	3,289.98	add transfer from Working Capital Fund 15 May '53	<u>5,000.00</u>
Italy 1952/53	3,704.86		
France		Total	<u>\$18,599.22</u>
1/2 1952/53	<u>1,577.11</u>		
Total	11,752.79		
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add. transferable from Working Capital Fund (statement II)	<u>2,021.24</u>		
	16,399.22		
add Travel advance, Annual Meeting, 15 May '53	<u>2,200.00</u>		
Total	<u>\$18,599.22</u>		
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<u>Working Capital Fund</u>			
Cash at Bank	\$1,301.17	Credits due to Members From Italy 626.97 from France 526.66	\$1,153.63
Contributions receivable		Credit due to General Fund (statement II)	<u>2,021.24</u>
from Spain	\$ 986.67		<u>3,174.87</u>
from Italy	626.97	Principal of Fund	<u>5,266.60</u>
from France	<u>526.66</u>		
Total	2,140.30	Total	<u>\$ 8,441.47</u>
	<u>2,140.30</u>		
Total	3,441.47		
add credit due from General Fund (pr. 15 May '53)	<u>5,000.00</u>		
	<u>\$ 8,441.47</u>		
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INVENTORY OF FIXED ASSETS,
as at 30 June 1952

	<u>Purchase Value</u>
1 only Addressograph-Multigraph - Model 80 Multigraph Machine	\$1,049.36
1 only Remington electric adding machine	341.64
1 only Remington typewriter and line-a-time	228.02
1 only Remington two-drawer safe file	222.82
1 only steel two-drawer filing cabinet	83.82
1 only Triner postal scale	40.04
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TOTAL:	\$1,965.70
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Additions Financial Year 1952/53

1 only Friden Calculating Machine	821.60
1 only Leroy Lettering Set	61.70
1 only Remington line-a-time	41.60
1 only card index cabinet	16.00
1 only Remington typewriter	220.48
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TOTAL:	\$1,161.38
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