

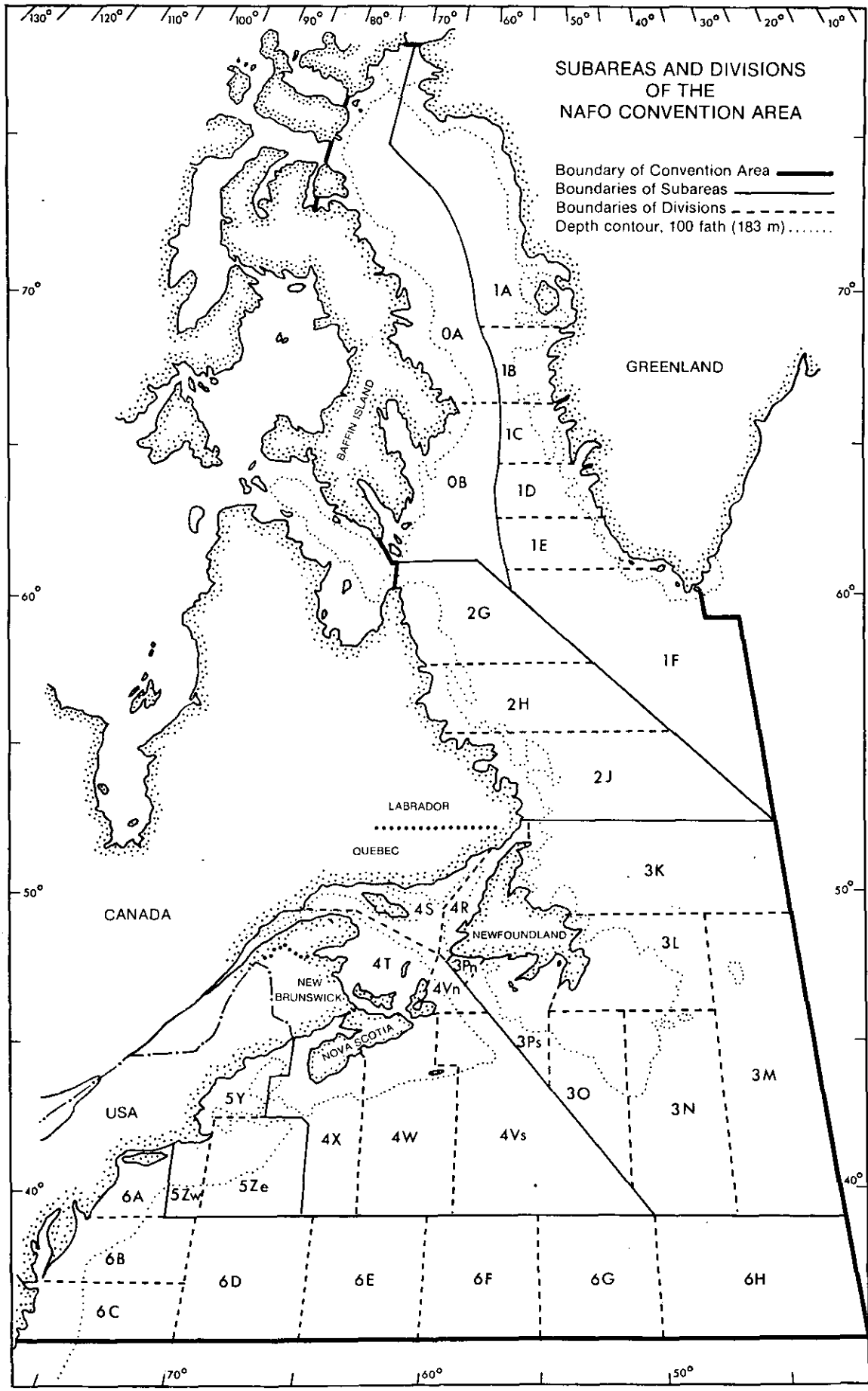
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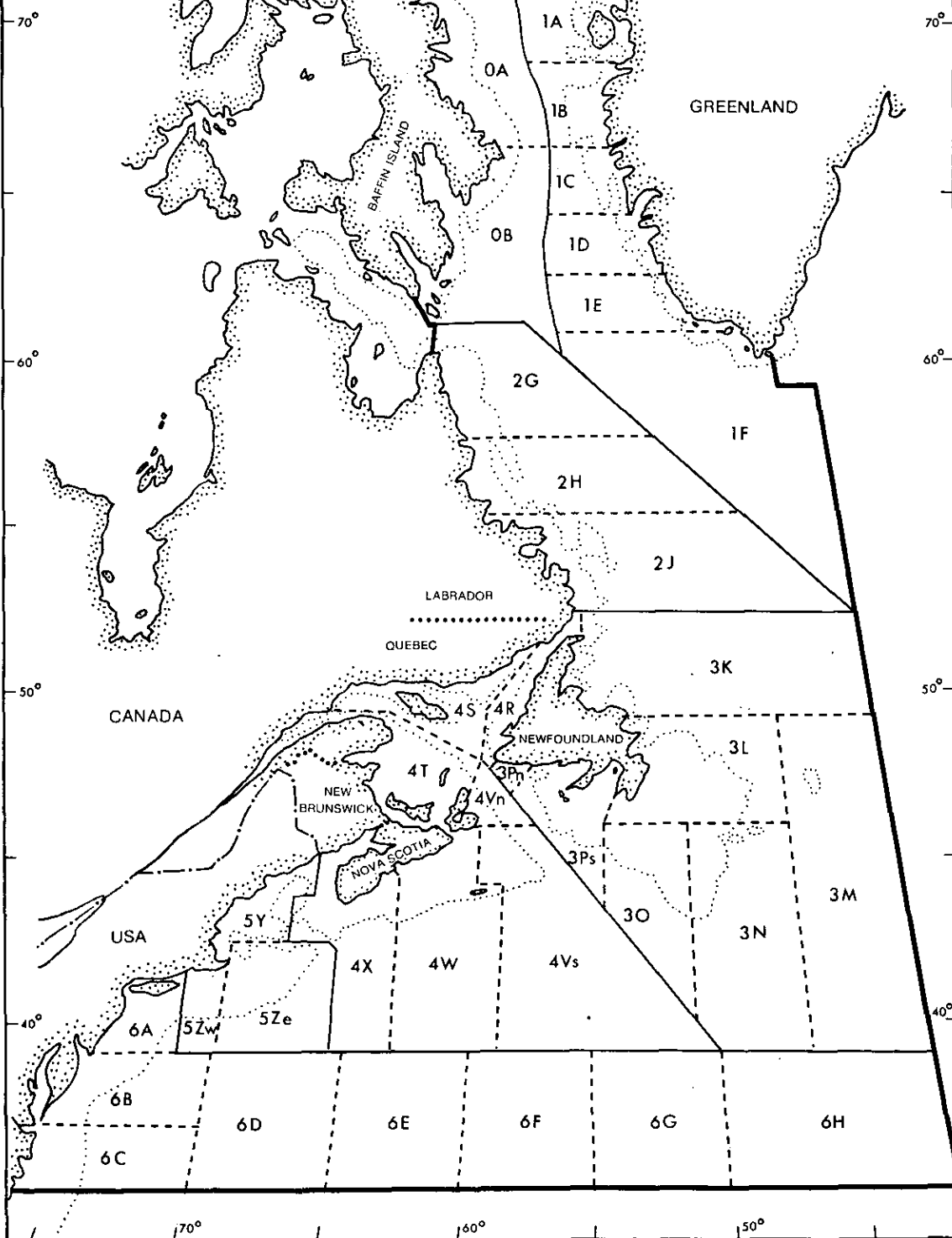
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**SUBAREAS AND DIVISIONS
OF THE
NAFO CONVENTION AREA**

Boundary of Convention Area ———
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NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

LIST OF OFFICERS

Term of office: 1979/80 and 1980/81

President: Dr A. W. May (Canada)

General Council

Chairman	- Dr A. W. May (Canada)
Vice-Chairman	- Dr V. K. Zilanov (USSR)
Chairman of Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD)	- Miss D. E. Pethick (Canada)

Fisheries Commission

Chairman	- Capt J. C. E. Cardoso (Portugal)
Vice-Chairman	- Mr J. Farnell (European Economic Community)
Chairman of Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC)	- Capt A. S. Gaspar (Portugal)

Scientific Council

Chairman	- Mr R. H. Letaconnoux (European Economic Community)
Vice-Chairman	- Dr R. G. Halliday (Canada)
Chairman of Standing Committee on Fisheries Science (STACFIS)	- Dr G. H. Winters (Canada)
Chairman of Standing Committee on Research Coordination (STACREC)	- Dr A. S. Seliverstov (USSR)
Chairman of Standing Committee on Publications (STAC PUB)	- Dr R. G. Halliday (Canada)

PART I (A)

REPORT

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF NAFO

INAUGURAL MEETING

MARCH 1979



Northwest Atlantic



Fisheries Organization

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Report of the General Council of NAFO

Thursday, 8 March, 1445 hrs
Friday, 9 March, 1502 hrs and 1645 hrs

1. The Inaugural Meeting of the General Council of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) was called to order by the temporary Chairman, Dr A. W. May of the Depositary Government, who welcomed representatives from Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, the European Economic Community (EEC), the Faroe Islands (Denmark), the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Iceland, Japan, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, USSR, USA, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as follows:

"On behalf of the Government of Canada, I welcome you to the Inaugural Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization.

"NAFO has been called the son of ICNAF, and without wanting to open up a discussion on the relative impacts of heredity and environment, I think I can say, without fear of dispute, that good parentage counts for something. ICNAF probably did better than we had any right to expect, given the circumstances which applied at the time. I think it behooves us, as NAFO, to honour our parent, and to express the hope that we will be able to do our best in the circumstances which will apply in the future.

"Cooperation through ICNAF has been the cornerstone of Canadian fisheries policy in the Northwest Atlantic. The central position of ICNAF was reflected in Canada's approach to extension of fisheries jurisdiction, working through ICNAF and through bilateral agreements with ICNAF Members. Following extension of jurisdiction, we have continued our active engagement in international cooperation through ICNAF. The surveillance load we carry outside the 200-mile zone, under the ICNAF Scheme of Joint Enforcement, helps protect the resource for all countries fishing that area. We have set quotas to allow rebuilding of stocks, and, with the cooperation of ICNAF Members, this includes the stocks that cross the 200-mile line. Within the 200-mile zone, when stocks are surplus to our industry's requirements, we allocate them to other nations in accordance with the terms of our bilateral agreements and the developing consensus on the Law of the Sea.

"Within the framework provided by NAFO, we hope to continue this process and we hope to receive the cooperation of all Members of the Organization. We have learned that anything less than responsible cooperation leads inevitably to a reduction in the sea's production and brings a net loss to the world.

"The competition of the late 1960's and early 1970's resulted in overfishing that hurt everyone. Quotas restrained the overfishing, and since 1976 have allowed rebuilding. But meanwhile, the price to us in Canada was at least \$200 million allocated by the Government to help a crippled industry, not to mention the greater price that coastal communities paid in lost fishing, lost jobs, and, at times, lost hopes. All other ICNAF Members were affected in similar ways. We surely can learn from that experience as NAFO picks up where ICNAF left off.

"Surely, also, we will continue to bear in mind the need for consistency of management objectives and regulations inside and outside the 200-mile zone. Looking from either side, we can see that neither fish stocks nor our collective interest in them stops at the line. It is impossible for the line to completely separate the fish, the management, or the knowledge behind fishery management.

"As a scientist, I can take particular satisfaction from the fact that, in NAFO, we have avoided jurisdictional questions in science through the establishment of a Scientific Council which provides a forum for scientific cooperation inside and outside coastal zones, over the whole Northwest Atlantic. Scientific cooperation in ICNAF was the foundation for management cooperation; may it be the same in NAFO.

"We all know that fishery management is at the mercy of its data. In Canada, we are taking pains to impress on our fishermen the need for reliable log reports. Omissions can confuse the managers and the scientists but can't confuse the fish; instead of faulty log reports, they will follow their own statistics, and, in the end, it's the fishermen who will suffer an unexpected drop in catches.

"Our collective experience has made clear our ability to affect production in the oceans, and our concerns must go beyond management of the fisheries themselves, to protection of the ocean environment. As the oceans become used more and more for activities which can be detrimental to fishing and the well-being of fish stocks, we must be increasingly aware of such activities, and be prepared to take cooperative action to minimize negative impacts. My country will do its part, and so I am sure will the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization.

"On behalf of Canada, may I wish this venture by all our nations 'Bon voyage'."

2. The temporary Chairman then recessed the meeting to prepare for the first working session of the General Council.

3. Under Agenda Item 6, Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the temporary Chairman opened the meeting with representatives of the Contracting Parties (Canada, Cuba, EEC, GDR, Iceland, Norway, Romania, and USSR) present. He called for nominations for Chairman of the General Council. Dr A. W. May (Canada) was elected unanimously. The General Council agreed to defer election of a Vice-Chairman until the Annual Meeting of the Organization in June 1979.

4. Under Agenda Item 7, Rapporteur, Mr L. R. Day was appointed Rapporteur.

5. Under Agenda Item 4, Procedural Proposals, the Chairman suggested that proceedings would be conducted informally until Rules of Procedure for the General Council would be adopted. He suggested that the Organization nominate representatives of Observer countries and organizations in the establishment of the working groups.

6. Under Agenda Item 5, Adoption of Agenda (Appendix I), the delegate of Canada drew attention to a Canadian proposal for changes in the boundary between Subarea 0 and 1. The General Council agreed that the proposal would be referred to the Scientific Council.

7. Under Agenda Item 8, Admission of Observers, the delegate of Canada moved that the Member Countries of ICNAF, who were not yet Members of NAFO, and also Faroe Islands (Denmark), FAO, and USA, be admitted to the General Council meeting as Observers. The General Council agreed. The meeting was recessed in order to allow the Observers to enter and participate in the General Council's meeting.

8. The Chairman reconvened the General Council meeting and welcomed the Observers. He urged them to participate in the working groups when nominated and to feel free to enter the discussions.

9. Under Agenda Item 9, Appointment of Credentials Committee, the General Council agreed that a representative of Cuba should convene the first meeting of the Committee.

10. Under Agenda Item 11, Establishment of Working Groups,

- (a) The General Council agreed that the Rules of Procedure for the General Council and the Fisheries Commission should be examined by a single Working Group to be convened by Capt J. C. E. Cardoso (Portugal). All interested were invited to participate.
- (b) The General Council agreed that the Working Group on Finance and Administration should be convened by Miss D. E. Pethick (Canada), the Chairman of the ICNAF Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD). All interested were welcome, particularly the ICNAF STACFAD members and the ICNAF Executive Secretary.
- (c) The General Council, in accordance with Convention Article III, declared Canada, Cuba, EEC, GDR, Norway, Romania, and USSR Members of the Fisheries Commission, pursuant to Article XIII. The delegate of Iceland stated that his country would not be participating. The Chairman pointed out that the membership would be reviewed at the 1979 Annual Meeting of NAFO.
- (d) Privileges and Immunities. The General Council agreed to refer this item for consideration and advice to the Working Group on Finance and Administration.

11. Under Agenda Item 14, Time and Place of 1979 Annual Meeting of NAFO, the General Council agreed that the 1979 Annual Meeting would be held conjointly with the 1979 Annual Meeting of ICNAF in Halifax, Nova Scotia, during the period 30 May to 9 June 1979.

12. Under Agenda Item 16, Press Statement, the General Council agreed that the Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of NAFO, would prepare a statement.

13. The Chairman recessed the meeting at 1615 hrs, 8 March.

14. The General Council reconvened at 1500 hrs, 9 March. The Chairman noted that Items 1-9 of the General Council's agenda had been completed.

15. Under Agenda Item 10, Report of Credentials Committee, the General Council noted that the Committee had met and examined the credentials of the eight Members of NAFO (Canada, Cuba, EEC, GDR, Iceland, Norway, Romania, and USSR). The credentials of all Members were in order. The Report was adopted.

16. Other Reports. The General Council noted that the Working Groups on Rules of Procedure for the General Council and the Fisheries Commission convened by Capt J. C. E. Cardoso (Portugal), and for the Scientific Council convened by Mr R. H. Letaconnoux (EEC), and the Working Group on Finance and Administration convened by Miss D. E. Pethick (Canada) had met and reports were in preparation.

17. Other Matters. The Chairman drew attention to the matter of the amendments to the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement and the matter of the TACs and allocations for capelin and squid which had been adopted by ICNAF. The General Council agreed that these matters would be considered by the Fisheries Commission.

18. The General Council recessed at 1510 hrs, 9 March.

19. Under Agenda Item 12, Report of Working Groups, the General Council reconvened at 1645 hrs, 9 March. Under Agenda Item 12, the Chairman of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure for the General Council and the Fisheries Commission reported that the Group had prepared provisional Rules of Procedure for the General Council (Appendix II) and for the Fisheries Commission (Appendix III) and suggested that the Group review the provisional Rules during two days before the 1979 Annual Meeting of NAFO. He further suggested that the Rules developed by the Group before the Annual Meeting be used during a provisional year to the 1980 Annual Meeting. The General Council agreed. The General Council further agreed that the Working Group on the Rules of Procedure for the General Council and for the Fisheries Commission might look at the Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Council and suggest where parallelisms might be adopted, if so desired.

20. Under Agenda Item 15, Proposal for Boundary Changes between Subareas 0 and 1, the Chairman noted that the General Council had referred the Canadian proposal for adjustment of the boundaries between Subareas 0 and 1 to the Scientific Council and called on the Chairman of the Scientific Council, Mr R. H. Letaconnoux (EEC) to present the advice of the Scientific Council which is included in the resolution at Appendix IV. At the request of the delegate of Canada, the General Council agreed to defer action on this item until the 1979 Annual Meeting so that the coastal states involved (Canada and EEC) could study the problem further.

21. Under Agenda Item 12, Report of Working Groups, and 13, Appointment of Standing Committee on Finance and Administration, the Chairman asked the Chairman of the Working Group on Finance and Administration, Miss D. E. Pethick (Canada) to present the Group's report (Appendix V). She reported that the Group had been unable, due to lack of time, to review the draft of the Financial Regulations for the Organization or recommend the composition of the General Council's Standing Committee on Finance and Administration. She reported, in detail, on the Group's consideration of the personnel and financial arrangements proposed for NAFO and recommended to the General Council, the following Resolution Relating to Administrative and Financial Arrangements for NAFO:

The General Council,

Noting the need for administrative and financial arrangements for NAFO, and

Having Considered the Report of the Working Group on Finance and Administration,

Adopts the following arrangements:

- (1) that the Executive Secretary of ICNAF be appointed with effect from today as the Executive Secretary of NAFO on the understanding that he will continue to act at the same time as Executive Secretary of ICNAF at least until 31 December 1979 and that as Executive Secretary of NAFO he receive no remuneration for 1979;
- (2) that the Executive Secretary be authorized to appoint the staff of the ICNAF Secretariat as staff of NAFO's Secretariat on the understanding that this staff will continue to act at the same time as staff of ICNAF's Secretariat at least until 31 December 1979 and that as NAFO's Secretariat they receive no remuneration for 1979;

- (3) that pending the adoption of financial regulations the Executive Secretary of NAFO be authorized to receive into a NAFO account all contributions in respect of NAFO and to pay any expenses of NAFO including an administrative fee for any services provided to NAFO by the ICNAF Secretariat;
- (4) that all assets and liabilities of ICNAF as of 31 December 1979 shall be assumed by NAFO effective 1 January 1980;
- (5) that the Executive Secretary of NAFO be instructed to prepare and circulate for consideration at the Annual Meeting of NAFO a budget estimate for the financial year 1980;
- (6) that the President of the Organization be requested to approach the Government of Canada for the purpose of appointing the Auditor General of Canada, who is the present auditor for ICNAF, to be the external auditor for NAFO; and
- (7) that the President of the Organization be requested to approach the Government of Canada for the purpose of obtaining the same privileges and immunities as granted to ICNAF for the new Organization (NAFO) in order that NAFO may enjoy the maximum benefits permissible under existing domestic laws and regulations.

22. Under Agenda Item 15, Other Business, the Chairman acknowledged the Observers from Spain (Appendix VI), FAO (Appendix VII), and Japan (Appendix VIII).

23. Under Agenda Item 17, Adjournment, the Chairman noted the remarkable progress which had been made in such a short time and in dealing with such complex problems. He congratulated the representatives of Members and non-Members for their cooperation and hard work and hoped they would agree that NAFO had gotten off to a good start. There being no other business, the General Council of NAFO adjourned at 1725 hrs, 8 March 1979.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

General Council

Agenda

1. Call to Order by temporary Chairman (representative of Depositary Government)
2. Address of Welcome (Canada)
3. Statements by Representative of Participating States
4. Procedural Proposals by Representative of Depositary Government
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
7. Selection of Rapporteur
8. Admission of Observers
9. Appointment of Credentials Committee for the Organization
10. Report of Credentials Committee
11. Establishment of Working Groups
 - (a) Rules of Procedure including organization of Committees and Subcommittees
 - (b) Finance and Administration to advise on:
 - (i) appointment of Executive Secretary and establishment of rules and procedures related to appointment by the Executive Secretary of the staff of the Secretariat, pursuant to Article XV, paragraph 3
 - (ii) interim 1979 budget and authorization of disbursements of funds
 - (iii) financial regulations
 - (iv) coordination of ICNAF/NAFO matters
 - (v) appointment of external auditors, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 10
 - (vi) privileges and immunities for the Organization
 - (c) Determination of membership of the Fisheries Commission
12. Report of Working Groups; action arising
13. Appointment of Standing Committee on Finance and Administration
14. Time and Place of First Annual Meeting of NAFO
15. Other Business
 - (a) Canadian proposal for adjustment of the boundaries between Subareas 0 and 1
16. Press Statement
17. Adjournment

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Draft Rules of Procedure for the General Council of NAFO

REPRESENTATION

Rule 1

- 1.1 Each Contracting Party shall notify the Executive Secretary as far as possible in advance of any meeting the names of its representatives, alternates, experts, and advisers who will attend the relevant meetings.
- 1.2 The General Council may invite any Government not party to the Convention and any international organization to be represented at meetings of the General Council or its committees or subcommittees by an observer or observers.

VOTING

Rule 2

- 2.1 Observers, experts, and advisers may address plenary or committee or subcommittee meetings of the General Council, but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 2.2 At meetings of the committees and subcommittees established by the General Council, decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes of all members of the committee or subcommittee present and casting affirmative or negative votes, provided that no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of all members of the committee or subcommittee.
- 2.3 Votes shall be taken by show of hands, by roll call in the English alphabetical order of the names of the Contracting Parties, or by ballot, as in the opinion of the Chairman appears to be most suitable.
- 2.4 Between meetings of the General Council in the case of an emergency, a vote of the representatives may be taken by mail, or other means of communication.

CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN

Rule 3

- 3.1 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which they are elected.
- 3.2 The powers and duties of the Chairman shall be:
 - (a) to declare the opening and closing of each meeting of the General Council;
 - (b) to preside at all meetings of the General Council;
 - (c) to decide all questions of order raised at meetings of the General Council, subject to the right of any representative to request that any ruling of the Chairman shall be submitted to the General Council for decision by vote;
 - (d) to call for votes and to announce the results of the vote to the General Council;
 - (e) to determine, after consultation with the Chairmen of the Scientific Council and Fisheries Commission, a schedule of meetings for annual or special meetings of the Organization;
 - (f) to determine, after consultation with the Executive Secretary, the provisional agenda for annual or special meetings of the General Council;
 - (g) to arrange for the appointment of the members of committees established in accordance with provisions of Article IV, paragraph 6;
 - (h) to sign, on behalf of the General Council, a report of the proceedings of each meeting of the General Council, for transmission to Contracting Parties, representatives, and others concerned, as an authoritative record of what took place;
 - (i) generally, to make such decisions and give such directions to the Executive Secretary as will ensure, especially in the interval between the meetings of the General Council, that the business of the Organization is carried out efficiently and in accordance with its decisions.
- 3.3 Whenever the Chairman of the General Council is unable to act, the Vice-Chairman shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed by the Chairman.

- 3.4 The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall not vote and another representative of their delegation shall exercise the function.
- 3.5 If the office of the Chairman is vacated, the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the balance of the term.
- 3.6 If the offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are vacated, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman, and the first order of business at the next meeting of the General Council shall be election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the balance of the term.

SECRETARIAT

Rule 4

- 4.1 The General Council will designate staff positions to be filled through appointments made by the Executive Secretary. The General Council shall fix the tenure, rate of remuneration, and traveling expenses for the members of the Secretariat.
- 4.2 The Executive Secretary shall:
 - (a) have full power and authority over the Secretariat subject to the general supervision of the General Council; make all arrangements necessary for the General Council, Scientific Council, and Fisheries Commission meetings, and perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the General Council, its Chairman, or the Chairman of a committee;
 - (b) transmit the provisional agenda for the annual or special meetings of the General Council to all Contracting Parties and representatives not less than 60 days in advance of the meeting;
 - (c) address communications to the Depository Government, pursuant to the provisions of Article XXI, paragraph 2;
 - (d) receive the credentials of the representatives at annual and special meetings and report thereon to the General Council as required.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 5

- 5.1 Except as provided in paragraph 5.2, no order of business which involves amendment of these Rules of Procedure, budget or related financial matters, Fisheries Commission membership modifications under Article XIII, or boundary modifications under Article XX, shall be the subject of a decision by the General Council unless the subject matter has been included in the provisional agenda and explained in a memorandum, both of which have been circulated by the Executive Secretary to all representatives at least 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the matter is to be discussed.
- 5.2 The General Council, by a majority of the votes of all General Council members present and casting affirmative or negative votes, may take decisions involving amendment of these Rules of Procedure, provided that no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of the General Council members.

COMMITTEES

Rule 6

- 6.1 The General Council may establish such *ad hoc* committees as it considers to be required.
- 6.2 There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance and Administration consisting of one representative from each of five of the Contracting Parties who may be assisted by experts and advisers and which will advise the General Council on:
 - (a) matters relating to the Secretariat;
 - (b) the budget of the Organization;
 - (c) the time and place of meetings of the Organization;
 - (d) publications of the Organization.

The Committee shall choose its own Chairman, who shall be allowed a vote, from among the representatives. The Executive Secretary shall be an *ex officio* member of this Committee without vote.

LANGUAGE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

but, if desired, any other language may be used, it being understood that persons doing so at meetings will provide their own interpreters. All official publications and communications of the General Council shall be in English.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND OF ITS COMMITTEES

Rule 8

- 8.1 Summary records shall be made of each plenary session and each committee session and shall be distributed by the Executive Secretary as soon as possible to the participants.
- 8.2 Summary minutes of proceedings of all meetings of its committees shall be furnished to the General Council.
- 8.3 As soon as possible after each meeting of the General Council, copies of all summary records and reports, and copies of all resolutions, proposals, and other formal decisions adopted by the General Council shall be transmitted by the Executive Secretary to the General Council members and observer Governments and organizations.

REPORTS

Rule 9

- 9.1 The General Council shall publish annually, following its regular annual meeting, a report of its activities during the preceding year. Such reports should include a summary of its findings and statistical, scientific, and other information gathered pertaining to fisheries of the Convention Area, the Chairman's report of the annual meeting, and a financial statement.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Draft Rules of Procedure for the Fisheries Commission of NAFO

REPRESENTATION

Rule 1

- 1.1 Each Commission member shall notify the Executive Secretary as far in advance of any meeting as possible, the names of its representatives, alternates, experts, and advisers who will attend the relevant meeting.
- 1.2 The Commission may invite any Government not a party to the Convention and any international organization to be represented at meetings of the Commission or its committees or subcommittees by an observer or observers.

VOTING

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 - (c) to decide all questions of order raised at meetings of the Commission, subject to the right of the representatives of any member of the Commission to request that any ruling by the Chairman shall be submitted to the Commission for decision by vote;
 - (d) to call for votes and to announce the result of the vote to the Commission;
 - (e) to determine, after consultation with the representatives of the members of the Commission and the Executive Secretary, the provisional agenda for the annual Commission meeting;
 - (f) to arrange for the appointment of the members of committees established in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6;
 - (g) to sign, on behalf of the Commission, a report of the proceedings of each meeting of the Commission, for transmission to Contracting Parties, their representatives, and others concerned, as an authoritative record of what took place;
 - (h) generally, to make such decisions and give such directions to the Executive Secretary as will ensure, especially in the interval between the meetings of the Commission, that the business of the Commission is carried out efficiently and in accordance with its decisions.
- 3.3 Whenever the Chairman is unable to act, the Vice-Chairman shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman.
- 3.4 The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall not vote and another representative of their delegation shall exercise the function.

- 3.5 If the office of the Chairman is vacated, the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the balance of the term.
- 3.6 If the offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are vacated, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulatory Measures shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman, and the first order of business at the next meeting of the Commission shall be election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the balance of the term.

SECRETARIAT

Rule 4

- 4.1 The Commission and its committees shall, in the exercise of their functions and duties, use the services of the Executive Secretary and the staff of the Organization.
- 4.2 The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission, shall transmit the provisional agenda for the annual and special Commission meetings to all Commission members and their representatives not less than 60 days in advance of the meetings.
- 4.3 The Executive Secretary shall receive the credentials of the representatives of members of the Commission and of observers at annual and special meetings and report thereon to the Commission from time to time.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 5

- 5.1 Except as provided in paragraph 5.2, no order of business which involves amendment of these Rules of Procedure shall be the subject of a decision by the Commission unless the subject matter has been included in the provisional agenda and explained in a memorandum, both of which have been circulated by the Executive Secretary to all the representatives of members of the Commission at least 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the matter is to be discussed.
- 5.2 The Commission, by a majority of the votes of all Commission members present and casting affirmative or negative votes, may take decisions involving amendment of these Rules of Procedure, provided that no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of the Commission members.

COMMITTEES

Rule 6

- 6.1 The Commission may establish such *ad hoc* committees as it considers to be required.
- 6.2 There shall be a Standing Committee on Regulatory Measures consisting of one representative from each Commission member who may be assisted by experts or advisers. The Committee shall:
 - (a) consider possible measures for the regulation of fishing in relation to the stocks of fish, or of any particular species of fish in the Convention Area, or any part thereof;
 - (b) consider the economic and administrative problems involved in the application of such measures and, in consultation with the Scientific Council, the scientific and statistical information required for their solution; and
 - (c) make appropriate recommendations to the Commission.

The Committee shall choose its own Chairman. The Executive Secretary shall be an *ex officio* member of this Committee without vote.

- 6.3 There shall be a Standing Committee on International Control consisting of one representative from each Commission member who may be assisted by experts or advisers. The Committee shall:
 - (a) review the results of national and international measures of control;
 - (b) develop inspection methodologies;
 - (c) consider the practical problems of international measures of control;
 - (d) review reports of inspections and violations;
 - (e) promote exchanges and cooperative efforts of inspectors in international inspection; and
 - (f) make appropriate recommendations to the Commission.

The Committee shall choose its own Chairman. The Executive Secretary shall be an *ex officio* member of this Committee without vote.

LANGUAGE OF THE COMMISSION

Rule 7

English shall be the official and working language of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies but, if desired, any other language may be used, it being understood that persons doing so at meetings will provide their own interpreters. All official publications and communications of the Commission shall be in English.

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION AND OF ITS COMMITTEES

Rule 8

- 8.1 Summary records shall be made of each plenary session and each committee session and shall be distributed by the Executive Secretary as soon as possible to the participants.
- 8.2 Summary minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of its committees shall be furnished to the Commission.
- 8.3 As soon as possible after each meeting of the Commission, copies of all summary records and reports, and copies of all resolutions, proposals, and other formal decisions adopted by the Commission shall be transmitted by the Executive Secretary to the Commission members and observer Governments and organizations.

REPORTS

Rule 9

The Commission shall present to the General Council following its regular annual meeting, a report of its activities during the preceding year.

FINANCIAL

Rule 10

The Commission shall not incur any expenditure except in accordance with directions given by the General Council.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Resolution Regarding Adjustment of the Boundaries between Subareas 0 and 1, adopted by the Scientific Council of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 9 March 1979

The Scientific Council

Noting that the external limits of the Canadian and Danish fishing zones, respectively, in the area between Canada and Greenland up to 75° North latitude coincide;

Noting that the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 approximates to, but does not follow, the coinciding limits in the area;

Noting that the difference between the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 and the coinciding limits creates difficulties for the coastal states concerned in the assignment of catches to their respective areas of jurisdiction; and

Noting that the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 was determined arbitrarily and does not conform to any stock boundary;

Resolves that the General Council be requested to act, pursuant to Article XX, paragraph 2, of the Convention to modify the western boundary of Subarea 1 to conform to the coinciding limits in the area, and to modify subdivision lines correspondingly.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Report of Working Group on Finance and Administration for the Organization

1. The Working Group on Finance and Administration for the Organization met on 8-9 March 1979, at Montreal, Canada. The following representatives of Contracting Parties and Observers participated in the meeting:

Canada	- Miss D. E. Pethick (Convener)	Norway	- Mr F. Bergesen
Cuba	- Mr R. Cabrera	Portugal	- Capt A. S. Caspar
	- Mr G. Utrera		- Dr A. Pontes
EEC	- Mr M. Marcussen	USSR	- Mr A. A. Volkov
Iceland	- Mr S. H. Gunnlaugsson	USA	- Mr L. L. Snead
Japan	- Mr K. Shimizu	Secretariat	- Mr L. R. Day
	- Mr K. Seki		- Mr W. H. Champion

2. The Working Group elected Miss D. E. Pethick (Canada) as Chairman.

3. The Working Group considered the financial items referred to it from the agenda of the General Council and recommends that the General Council of the Organization adopt the following resolution:

- Resolves
- (1) that the Executive Secretary of ICNAF be appointed with effect from today as the Executive Secretary of NAFO on the understanding that he will continue to act at the same time as Executive Secretary of ICNAF at least until 31 December 1979 and that as Executive Secretary of NAFO he receive no remuneration for 1979;
 - (2) that the Executive Secretary be authorized to appoint the staff of the ICNAF Secretariat as staff of NAFO's Secretariat on the understanding that this staff will continue to act at the same time as staff of ICNAF's Secretariat at least until 31 December 1979 and that as NAFO's Secretariat they receive no remuneration for 1979;
 - (3) that, pending the adoption of financial regulations, the Executive Secretary of NAFO be authorized to receive into a NAFO account all contributions in respect of NAFO and to pay expenses of NAFO including an administrative fee for any services provided to NAFO by the ICNAF Secretariat;
 - (4) that all assets and liabilities of ICNAF as of 31 December 1979 shall be assumed by NAFO effective 1 January 1980;
 - (5) that the Executive Secretary of NAFO be instructed to prepare and circulate for consideration at the Annual Meeting of NAFO a budget estimate for the financial year 1980;
 - (6) that the President of the Organization be requested to approach the Government of Canada for the purpose of appointing the Auditor General of Canada, who is the present auditor for ICNAF, to be the external auditor for NAFO; and
 - (7) that the President of the Organization be requested to approach the Government of Canada for the purpose of obtaining the same privileges and immunities as granted to ICNAF for the new Organization (NAFO) in order that NAFO may enjoy the maximum benefits permissible under existing domestic laws and regulations.

4. The Working Group on Finance and Administration considered the items which had to be resolved before the conclusion of the meeting. However, it was not able to review the draft financial regulations and proposed to meet for two days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Organization in June to review these regulations and prepare them in draft form for consideration at the First Annual Meeting.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Statement of the Observer from Spain

The Spanish delegation would be grateful if, in the final Report of the Meeting of the General Council, the text of the following statement be inserted.

"Spain, as a Member of ICNAF which has not signed the NAFO Convention, reserves her rights to put under consideration at the next meeting of ICNAF all the aspects connected with the possible transfer of competences, rights, and obligations from one international organization to the other.

"At the same time, the Spanish delegation expresses its protest, which could be exercised according to the ICNAF Convention, for the different proposals regarding the transfer accepted by the different bodies of NAFO before the actual dissolution of ICNAF by the withdrawal of all its members."

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Statement of the Observer from FAO

During the last ten or fifteen years, the Northwest Atlantic fisheries presented nearly the full range of problems and issues that could confront an international organization, including the scientific problems of assessing a multiplicity of stocks with numerous biological and fishery interactions, and the political problems of negotiating and enforcing management measures among a variety of participants. ICNAF dealt with these problems in various ways. In some cases, its regulations were timely and effective, in others not, but at this point, the importance of the ICNAF experience lies not in the success or failure of particular measures, but in the example of ICNAF as an organization that finally faced the problems and acted on them, that tried new measures and learned from them, and thereby became a leader in international fishery research and management.

This example will serve well in the future, for just as they did under the old regime, the Northwest Atlantic fisheries present nearly all the problems that can possibly arise under the new regime, including every kind and combination of national and international fisheries, stocks and management systems. The coastal states and other countries fishing in the region have already developed new mechanisms and principles to deal with some of these issues, and in the years ahead, acting both within and outside NAFO, they will complete and refine a new regional fisheries order, the first of its kind in the world.

As in the past, the rest of the world is closely following developments in this area, because the necessary will and goodwill are here to face the problems and act on them, to try new measures and learn from them. With this spirit, NAFO will provide a needed example of how international cooperation in sound research and sound management can obtain maximum benefits from the fishery resources of the sea.

I should also like to say a few words about the relation of FAO to regional activities in the Northwest Atlantic. FAO has been actively involved in the work of ICNAF from the time of its establishment. FAO staff served as members of various working groups, several meetings were held at FAO Headquarters in Rome, and FAO and ICNAF co-sponsored scientific meetings on topics of general concern. In recent years, FAO has continued to follow the work of ICNAF and to cooperate with it, particularly through the Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics (CWP), but on the whole, there has been less collaboration, partly because ICNAF had an ample supply of experts from its own Member Countries and partly because these experts were heavily engaged in current assessments that left little time for consideration of basic questions in research and management. Extended jurisdiction has now taken some of the pressure off the regional organization and, at the same time, created a number of new and basic questions about management, so there will again be a number of areas where NAFO and FAO will find it advantageous to work together for the benefit of fisheries in the Northwest Atlantic and elsewhere. An important part of this work, in which we hope for your help, will be the transfer of useful elements of the NAFO experience to other regional fishery organizations, particularly the FAO regional bodies in developing areas.

FAO looks forward to an active and productive association with NAFO, and on this occasion offers its support and best wishes for the work of NAFO in the years ahead.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Statement of the Observer from Japan

Mr Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen.

It is my great pleasure to say a few words here at this initial meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, which will replace the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

Since 1950 ICNAF has contributed, to a great extent, to the conservation and rational utilization of Northwest Atlantic fishery resources and ICNAF's way of handling affairs has been an example for other international fishery commissions such as ICSEAF and ICCAT. The NAFO will be another example for others, being one of the first international fishery organizations established under the new regime of 200-mile fishery jurisdiction now recognized by the international community. Other organizations, I am certain, are watching how NAFO functions and we should show them a good example.

A spirit of cooperation is especially necessary between the coastal states and other states fishing in the Convention Area, which includes both within and outside the 200-mile fishing jurisdiction waters of coastal states.

In order to achieve the objective of sound management and rational utilization of fishery resources in maintaining the level of optimum sustainable yield, close cooperation and mutual understanding among all the Contracting Parties are indispensable.

Until the end of this year, ICNAF and NAFO will co-exist. I believe that, being Chairman of ICNAF, my responsibility consists of transplanting ICNAF's sense of cooperation and friendship, as well as its valuable experiences, to our new Organization. I will do my best and sincerely wish to obtain your cooperation.

I would like to add that my Government is working very hard for the early acceptance of the NAFO Convention. At this meeting I am speaking as an observer, but, by the time of the next meeting, I hope that Japan will be a member country of NAFO.

Thank you.

PART I (B)

REPORT

OF THE

FISHERIES COMMISSION

OF NAFO

INAUGURAL MEETING

MARCH 1979

Northwest Atlantic



Fisheries Organization

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Report of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO

Thursday, 8 March, 1615 hrs

Friday, 9 March, 1526 hrs

1. The Inaugural Meeting of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO was convened at Montreal, Canada, during 8-9 March 1979 by the President of the Organization, Dr A. W. May (Canada).
2. Under Agenda Item 2, Agenda, the provisional Agenda (Appendix I) was adopted.
3. Under Agenda Item 3, Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr H. Rasmussen (Norway) was elected as temporary Chairman of the Fisheries Commission for the current meeting. The Commission agreed that the election of a permanent Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be deferred until the Annual Meeting, at which time it was expected there would be more Parties to the Convention.
4. Under Agenda Item 4, Rapporteur, Mr B. Applebaum (Canada) was selected as Rapporteur.
5. Under Agenda Item 5, Observers, the Commission agreed that Members of ICNAF which were not Parties to NAFO and, in addition, Denmark (Faroe Islands), FAO, and the USA should be admitted to the meeting as observers.
6. Under Agenda Item 6, Membership of Fisheries Commission, the Chairman noted that the General Council, in accordance with the Convention, had determined the Commission membership to be Canada, Cuba, the European Economic Community (EEC), German Democratic Republic (GDR), Norway, Romania, and the USSR.
7. Under Agenda Item 7, Working Group on Rules of Procedure, the Chairman noted that it had been agreed at the meeting of the General Council that the Working Group established to prepare draft rules of procedure for the General Council should also prepare rules of procedure for the Fisheries Commission (PART I(A), Appendix III, this volume, page 17).
8. Under Agenda Item 8, Standing Committees, the Chairman noted the need for establishing Standing Committees on Regulatory Measures and on International Control. The proposal of the delegate of Canada to have this item referred to the Working Group on Rules of Procedure for the General Council and the Fisheries Commission was accepted.
9. The Commission meeting was recessed at 1635 hrs, 8 March, to allow time for the Working Group to report.
10. The Commission meeting was reconvened at 1526 hrs, 9 March.
11. Under Agenda Item 9, Adoption of Proposals for the Conservation, in 1979, of Stocks of Capelin in Div. 3LNO and Squid in Subareas 3 and 4, the delegate of Canada noted that ICNAF had adopted proposals regarding both stocks and proposed that the Commission adopt the same proposals. The delegate of EEC asked if NAFO could recommend management measures to be applied to non-Parties to the NAFO Convention. The delegate of Canada noted that this question had been discussed with the Executive Secretary, and that it was understood that NAFO and ICNAF regulations would be drafted in a manner which would reflect the fact that the Parties to the two Conventions were, in some cases, different, but would also reflect the various allocations in a manner which would clearly express the obligations to be assumed by all Parties. On the basis of this explanation, the Fisheries Commission

agreed

that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (1) for international regulation of the fisheries in Subareas 3 and 4 of the Regulatory Area (Appendix II).

on International Control, but the existence of a committee of this nature would depend on the rules of procedure for the Commission, which had not yet been adopted. Pressure of business had prevented the establishment of a working group on this subject. His delegation had, accordingly, prepared the draft resolution in order to incorporate, into the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement, the amendments adopted by ICNAF to the ICNAF Scheme of Joint International Enforcement. The delegate of EEC responded that the adoption of the proposed resolution would cause internal difficulties for the EEC. It was explained that the EEC wished to have the text of the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement which, at present, is the ICNAF Scheme, reviewed and revised to make it consistent with the text of the NAFO Convention. The delegate of EEC noted that it would be administratively preferable in the EEC to adopt a single regulation incorporating the appropriate text of the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement rather than a series of regulations amending each other. He proposed that action on this question be deferred to the 1979 Annual Meeting, by which time it was expected that a new text of the Scheme would have been prepared. The observer from Portugal noted that the resolution proposed by Canada included a proposal which was not relevant to the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement, i.e., the provision adopted by ICNAF authorizing the Executive Secretary to notify a Member Country when the Executive Secretary had reason to believe that the relevant quota had been reached in the area outside national jurisdiction. The delegate of Canada withdrew his proposed resolution, but gave notice that he may choose to refer to this matter again at the 1979 Annual Meeting.

13. Adjournment. The Commission, having concluded its business adjourned at 1600 hrs, 9 March 1979.

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Fisheries Commission

Agenda

1. Call to Order by the President of NAFO (Chairman of General Council)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
4. Selection of Rapporteur
5. Admission of Observers
6. Review of Commission Membership
7. Establishment of Working Group on Rules of Procedure, including Committees and Subcommittees
8. Consideration of Establishment of Standing Committees on
 - (a) Regulatory Measures
 - (b) International Control
9. Adoption of Proposals for the Conservation, in 1979, of stock of
 - (a) Capelin in Div. 3LNO of Subarea 3
 - (b) Squid in Subareas 3 and 4

(Report of Special ICNAF STACRES Meeting on Capelin and Squid, February 1979)
(Report of Special ICNAF Meeting, March 1979)
10. Consideration of measures of international control and enforcement
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

- (1) Proposal for International Regulation of the Fisheries in Subareas 3 and 4 of the Convention Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 9 March 1979

That the Contracting Parties conduct their fisheries in the Regulatory Area in such a manner that catches shall not exceed the total allowable catch for each stock and the quotas for each stock set out in the following table:

Table - Integral Part of Proposal (1) for the International Regulation of the Fisheries in Subareas 3 and 4 of the Convention Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 9 March 1979. Total allowable catches and quotas (metric tons) for 1979 of particular stocks or species in Subareas 3 and 4 of the Convention Area.

Country	CAPELIN Div. 3LNO	SQUID (<i>Illex</i>) Subareas 3 + 4 ^{2,3}
Canada ⁴	10,000 ¹	86,500
Cuba ⁴	-	4,500
European Economic Community	-	5,000
Romania ⁴	-	1,000
USSR ⁴	-	10,000
Reserved for the Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries which are non- Members of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (Bulgaria, Japan, Poland, Portugal, and Spain)	-	13,000
Total	10,000	120,000

¹ Reserved for Canadian inshore fishery in Div. 3L.

² A minimum of 10% of each Party's allocation must be taken in Subarea 3.

³ The opening date for the squid (*Illex*) fishery is 1 July.

⁴ The amount(s) allocated to this Party include(s) the amount allocated for quota regulation of the same stock in the proposal adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries on 9 March 1979.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Resolution Relating to the Enforcement of the Fishery Regulations for NAFO

The Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO);

Noting that the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF) has adopted the amendments to its Scheme of Joint International Enforcement contained in Annexes 1 and 2 to this resolution;

Noting that, pursuant to Article XXIII of the NAFO Convention, insofar as the amendments in Annex 1 will replace measures in force under the ICNAF Scheme of Joint International Enforcement, they can be adopted in NAFO only so as to take effect after the NAFO Convention has been in force for one year;

Proposes that the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement, effective pursuant to Article XXIII of the NAFO Convention, be amended in accordance with Annex 1 to this resolution, the amendment to become effective in accordance with the terms of the NAFO Convention as of 1 January 1980;

And Proposes that the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement, effective pursuant to Article XXIII of the NAFO Convention, be amended in accordance with Annex 2 to this resolution, the amendment to become effective in accordance with the NAFO Convention as of the date on which the amendment in Annex 2 becomes effective for any ICNAF Member under the ICNAF Convention;

And Calls Upon all Parties to the NAFO Convention who are not bound by the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement effective under the ICNAF Convention, to comply voluntarily with the amendments contained in Annex 1 as of the date they become effective for any ICNAF Member under the ICNAF Convention.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Proposal for Amendment of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement of the Fishery Regulations in the Convention Area and in Statistical Areas 0 and 6, adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries in Plenary Session on 9 March 1979

- "4. (i) Inspection and control under this Scheme shall apply to the following types of vessels in relation to the following operations only when they are carried out in that part of the Convention Area and of Statistical Areas 0 and 6¹ to which this Scheme applies:
- (a) fishing vessels which are or have been engaged during their present voyage in fishing operations;
 - (b) vessels equipped for processing fish on board which are or have been engaged during their present voyage in fish transferring operations; and
 - (c) transport vessels which are actually engaged in fish transferring operations.
- (ii) The master of a vessel to which inspection and control apply shall facilitate boarding when given the appropriate signal in the International Code of Signals by a vessel or a helicopter carrying an inspector. The vessel to be boarded shall not be required to stop or manoeuvre when fishing, shooting, or hauling. The master shall nonetheless provide:
- (a) a boarding ladder constructed and used as described in Annex C to this Scheme;
OR
 - (b) such assistance to boardings from helicopters as specified in Annex A to this Scheme.
- In either case, the master shall observe the ordinary practice of good seamanship to enable an inspection party to board as soon as practicable. With respect to personnel helicopter hoist transfers, in certain circumstances such as those cited in paragraph 7 of Annex A, a boarding, using the helicopter hoist transfer procedure, will not be attempted.
- (iii) The procedures established for personnel helicopter hoist transfers are not intended to place a higher duty of care upon the master of a fishing vessel than would otherwise be the case under International Law.
- (iv) An inspection party will consist of one inspector in charge of making the inspection who may be accompanied by additional inspectors appointed under this Scheme and not more than two witnesses. The word "inspector" hereafter refers only to the inspector in charge unless it is clear that all inspectors appointed under this Scheme and included in the inspection party are referred to.
- (v) The master shall enable the inspector to examine and photograph catch, nets, or other gear and any relevant documents as the inspector deems necessary to verify the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to the flag state² of the vessel concerned.
- (vi) The vessel in charge of a pair trawling operation shall be required to identify itself by flying a pennant or flag on the approach of an inspector.
- (vii) Flag states² shall be required to inform the Executive Secretary when an inspection vessel of that state² is operating in the Convention Area¹.
- "5. (i) Inspections shall be made so that the vessel suffers the minimum interference and inconvenience. The inspector shall limit his inquiries to the ascertainment of the facts in relation to the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in

¹ In NAFO = Regulatory Area

² In NAFO = Contracting Party or Parties

relation to the flag state² of the vessel concerned. In making his examination, the inspector may ask the master for any assistance he may require. He shall draw up a report of the inspection on a form approved by the Commission. The inspector shall sign the report in the presence of the master who shall be entitled to add or have added to the report any observations which he may think suitable. The master must sign such observations, and he must sign the report without prejudice to future proceedings. A copy of the report shall be given to the master of the vessel and the original shall be transmitted, within 30 days whenever possible, to the appropriate authority of the flag state² of the inspected vessel. A copy shall be forwarded to the Commission.

- (ii) Inspectors shall have authority to inspect all fishing gear on or near the working deck and readily available for use, and the catch on and below decks. Fishing gear shall be inspected in accordance with the regulations in force for the Subarea in which the inspection takes place. The number of undersized meshes and the width of each mesh in the nets examined shall be entered in the inspector's report together with the average width of the meshes examined.
- (iii) The inspector shall have authority, subject to any limitations by the Commission, to carry out such examination and measurement of the catch as he deems necessary to establish whether the Commission's regulations are being complied with.
- (iv) Where an apparent infringement of the regulations is observed, the inspector shall examine the bridge log, fishing log, or other pertinent documents which contain information relevant to the apparent infringement. The inspector shall enter a notation in the fishing logbook or other relevant document stating the date, location, and type of apparent infringement observed and shall sign such notations. The inspector may make a true copy of any relevant entry in such a document, and shall require the master of the vessel to certify in writing on each page of the copy that it is a true copy of such entry. The inspector shall have full opportunity to document evidence of the apparent infringement with photographs of the relevant fishing vessel, gear, catch, and logs or other documents, in which case copies of the photographs shall be attached to the copy of the report to the flag state².
- (v) Where an inspecting officer observes an apparent infringement of the regulations prohibiting:
 - (a) fishing in a closed area or with gear prohibited in a specific area;
 - (b) fishing for stocks or species in a region after the date on which the Contracting Government² having jurisdiction over the inspected vessel has notified the Executive Secretary that persons under its jurisdiction will cease a directed fishery for those stocks or species;
 - (c) fishing in an "Others" quota without prior notification to the ICNAF³ Secretariat, or more than 10 days after the "Others" quota for that stock or species has been taken and Contracting Governments² have been so informed by the Executive Secretary; or
 - (d) fishing without proper flag state² registration documents for the area where the vessel is found fishing;

the inspector shall, with a view toward facilitating flag state² action on the apparent infringement, immediately attempt to communicate with an inspector of the inspected vessel's flag state² known to be in the vicinity, or the authority of the inspected vessel's flag state² designated in accordance with paragraph 1 above. The master of the inspected vessel shall arrange for messages to be sent and received by using his radio equipment and operator for this purpose. At the request of the inspector, a master shall cease all fishing which appears to the inspector to be in contravention of regulations cited above. During this time, the inspector shall complete the inspection and, if he is unable to communicate with an inspector or designated authority of the flag state² within a reasonable period of time, he shall leave the inspected vessel and communicate as soon as possible with an inspector or designated authority of the flag state². However, if he succeeds in establishing communications while on board the inspected vessel, and provided that the inspector or designated authority of the flag state² agrees, the inspector may remain aboard the inspected vessel. So long as the inspector remains aboard, the master may not resume fishing until the inspector is reasonably satisfied either with the action taken by the vessel's master, or as a result of his communication with an inspector or designated authority of the flag state², that the vessel will not repeat the apparent infringement for which it has been cited.

² In NAFO = Contracting Party or Parties

³ In NAFO = NAFO

- (vi) The inspector may request that the master remove any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been used in contravention of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to the flag state² of the vessel concerned. An identification mark approved by the Commission shall be affixed to any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been so used, whether removed or not, and the inspector shall record these facts on his report. The mark shall be so affixed as to ensure that this part of the gear will be preserved with the mark attached, and it shall be so preserved until it has been viewed by an inspector or designated authority of the inspected vessel's flag state² who shall determine the subsequent disposition of the gear.
- (vii) The inspector may photograph the fishing gear in such a way that the identification mark and measurements of the fishing gear are visible, in which case the subjects photographed should be listed in the report and copies of the photographs should be attached to the copy of the report to the flag state²."

NOTE: Attached is Annex C which forms an integral part of this proposal.

² In NAFO = Contracting Party or Parties

Annex C. Integral part of the ICNAP¹ Scheme of Joint International Enforcement to describe the boarding ladder and its use by fishing vessels and support vessels conducting fishing operations within the Convention Area.

Boarding Ladders

Fishing vessels with an overall length greater than 30 m (100 feet) and support vessels subject to inspections under the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement shall comply with the following requirements.

- I. The boarding ladders shall be efficient for the purpose of enabling inspectors to embark and disembark at sea safely. The boarding ladders are to be kept clean and in good order.
- II. The ladder shall be secured in a position so that it is clear from any possible discharges from the ship, that each step rests firmly against the ship's side, that it is clear so far as practicable of the finer lines of the ship and that the inspector can gain safe and convenient access to the ship.
- III. The steps of the boarding ladder shall be:
 - (a) of hardwood or other material of equivalent properties, made in one piece free of knots, having an efficient non-slip surface; the four lowest steps may be made of rubber of sufficient strength and stiffness or of other suitable material of equivalent characteristics;
 - (b) not less than 480 mm (19 inches) long, 115 mm (4-1/2 inches) wide, and 25 mm (1 inch) in depth, excluding any non-slip device; and
 - (c) equally spaced not less than 300 mm (12 inches) nor more than 380 mm (15 inches) apart and may be secured in a manner that they will remain horizontal.
- IV. No boarding ladder shall have more than two replacement steps which are secured in position by a method different from that used in the original construction of the ladder and any steps so secured shall be replaced, as soon as reasonably practicable, by steps secured in position by the method used in the original construction of the ladder.
- V. The side ropes of the ladder shall consist of two uncovered manila or equivalent ropes not less than 60 mm (2-1/2 inches) in circumference on each side; each rope shall be continuous with no joints below the top step; two man ropes properly secured to the ship and not less than 65 mm (2-1/2 inches) in circumference and a safety line shall be kept at hand ready for use if required.
- VI. Battens made of hardwood, or other material of equivalent properties, in one piece and not less than 1.80 m (5 feet 10 inches) long, shall be provided at such intervals as will prevent the boarding ladder from twisting. The lowest batten shall be on the fifth step from the bottom of the ladder and the interval between any batten and the next shall not exceed 9 steps.
- VII. Means shall be provided to ensure safe and convenient passage onto or into and off the ship between the head of the pilot ladder or of any accommodation ladder or other appliance provided. Where such passage is by means of a gateway in the rails or bulwark, adequate handholds shall be provided. Where such passage is by means of a bulwark ladder, such ladder shall be securely attached to the bulwark rail or platform and two handhold stanchions shall be fitted at the point of boarding or leaving the ship not less than 0.70 m (2 feet 3 inches) nor more than 0.80 m (2 feet 7 inches) apart. Each stanchion shall be rigidly secured to the ship's structure at or near its base and also at a higher point, shall be not less than 40 mm (1-1/2 inches) in diameter and shall extend not less than 1.20 m (3 feet 11 inches) above the stop of the bulwark.
- VIII. Lighting shall be provided at night such that both the boarding ladder overside and also the position where the inspector boards the ship shall be adequately lit. A lifebuoy equipped with a self-igniting light shall be kept at hand ready for use. A heaving line shall be kept at hand ready for use if required.

¹ In NAFO = NAFO

- IX. Means shall be provided to enable the boarding ladder to be used on either side of the ship.
- X. The rigging of the ladder and the embarkation and disembarkation of an inspector shall be supervised by a responsible officer of the ship.
- XI. Where on any ship constructional features such as rubbing bands would prevent the implementation of any of these provisions, special arrangements shall be made to the satisfaction of the Commission to ensure that persons are able to embark and disembark safely.

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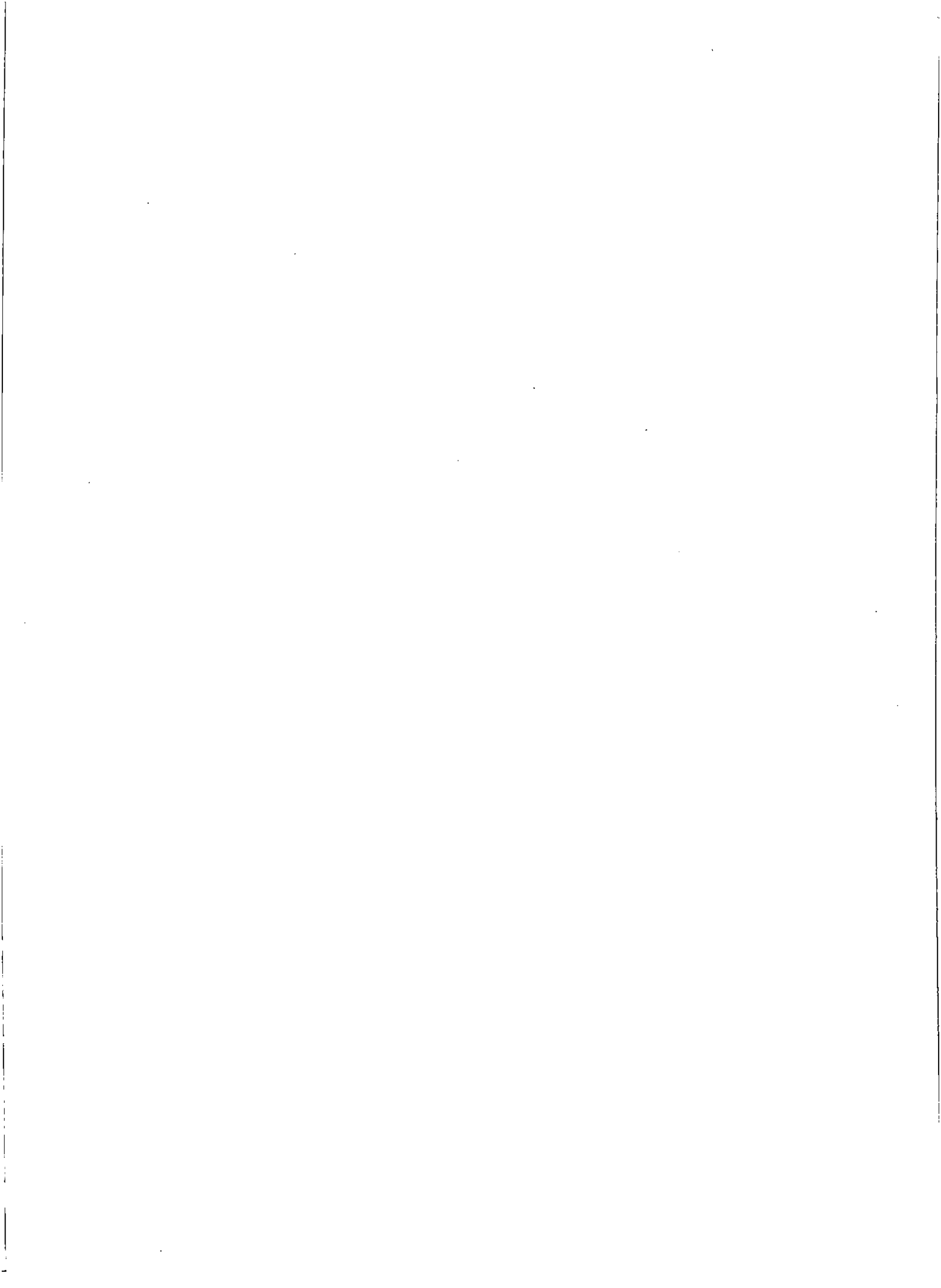
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Proposal Relating to Actions to be Taken by the Executive Secretary Following Information on Member Countries Reaching their Catch Quotas, adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries in Plenary Session on 9 March 1979

1. When information satisfactory to the Executive Secretary indicates that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the national¹ quota of a Contracting Government² has been taken in a fishery which lies beyond the areas in which coastal states exercise fisheries jurisdiction, or in a fishery that takes place on a stock which occurs both inside a coastal state's fisheries jurisdiction and in the area beyond the coastal state's fisheries jurisdiction, he shall immediately inform the authorities of that Contracting Government². If, within 15 days, no action is taken by that Contracting Government², nor satisfactory information given that the national¹ quota has not been taken, the Executive Secretary shall so report to the Commission.

¹ In NAFO, delete "national".

² In NAFO = Contracting Party or Parties



PART I(C)

REPORT

OF THE

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

OF NAFO

INAUGURAL MEETING

MARCH 1979



Northwest Atlantic



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INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Report of the Scientific Council of NAFO

Thursday, 8 March, 1640 hrs

Friday, 9 March, 1530 hrs

1. Opening. The Inaugural Meeting of the Scientific Council was held at Montreal, Canada, during 8-9 March 1979. The first session was called to order by the President of NAFO, Dr A. W. May (Canada), who welcomed the representatives and advisers of the following Contracting Parties: Canada, Cuba, the European Economic Community (EEC), German Democratic Republic (GDR), Iceland, Norway, Romania, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).
2. Agenda. The provisional agenda was adopted with amendment, proposed by Canada, by the addition of an item under "Other Business" entitled "Adjustment to boundaries between Subareas 0 and 1" (see Appendix I).
3. Election of Officers
 - (a) The Scientific Council unanimously agreed that the election of officers for 1979/80 be deferred until the First Annual Meeting of the Scientific Council, due to the possibility of additional representation on the Council by further ratifications of the Convention.
 - (b) Mr R. H. Letaconnoux (EEC) was unanimously elected as Chairman for this Inaugural Meeting of the Council.
4. Rapporteur. Mr V. M. Hodder was appointed Rapporteur.
5. Admission of Observers. The Scientific Council unanimously agreed that representatives of all current Member Countries of ICNAF, and the observers from Denmark (Faroe Islands), FAO, and the United States of America (USA) be invited to participate as observers in meetings of the Scientific Council, and of its committees and working groups.
6. Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Council, including Committees and Subcommittees
 - (a) Establishment of Working Group. A small Working Group, composed of representatives from Canada, Cuba, USSR, and any others interested in participating, with Mr A. T. Pinhorn as Convener, was set up and requested to meet as soon as possible, and report on progress at the next session of the Scientific Council on 9 March.
 - (b) Report of Working Group on Rules and Procedure. The Working Group met on 9 March 1979 with the following scientists in attendance: P. Kolarov (Bulgaria), A. T. Pinhorn and L. S. Parsons (Canada), J. A. Varea (Cuba), R. H. Letaconnoux (EEC), V. A. Rikhter and A. S. Seliverstov (USSR), and R. C. Hennemuth (USA). Following consideration of a draft set of rules of procedure which had previously been prepared for review at this meeting, the Working Group proposed the Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Council of NAFO, which, after amendment, were adopted by the Scientific Council at its second session (see Appendix II).
7. Consideration of Bases for Formulation of Advice at the First Annual Meeting in June 1979. The Scientific Council noted that it will be expected to provide advice for 1980 to the Fisheries Commission and to Contracting Parties exercising fisheries jurisdiction in Subareas 0 to 4 on the scientific basis for the management of certain stocks in these areas. Since the Scientific Council has not yet established the relevant committee to provide the necessary advice, and since such advice will be formulated during the forthcoming meeting of the ICNAF Assessments Subcommittee in April 1979, it was unanimously agreed that the Scientific Council will consider the Report of the Assessments Subcommittee of ICNAF as the bases for advice expected of the Council at its June 1979 Meeting.
8. Other Business
 - (a) Adjustment of boundaries between Subareas 0 and 1. The Scientific Council considered a Canadian proposal that the western boundary of Subarea 1 be modified to conform to the coinciding limits of the Canadian and Danish fishing zones in the area, and adopted the following resolution:

The Scientific Council

Noting that the external limits of the Canadian and Danish fishing zones, respectively, in the area between Canada and Greenland up to 75° north latitude coincide;

Noting that the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 approximates to, but does not follow, the coinciding limits in the area;

Noting that the difference between the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 and the coinciding limits creates difficulties for the coastal states concerned in the assignment of catches to their respective areas of jurisdiction; and

Noting that the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 was determined arbitrarily and does not conform to any stock boundary;

Resolves that the General Council be requested to act, pursuant to Article XX, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to modify the western boundary of Subarea 1 to conform to the coinciding limits in the area, and to modify subdivision lines correspondingly.

- (b) Organization of work for the First Annual Meeting in May 1979. The Scientific Council agreed to meet during 22-29 May 1979 and elect its officers at the first session on 22 May 1979. In order to avoid as much duplication of discussions as possible, it was further agreed that the Chairman of the Scientific Council of NAFO, when elected, arrange a brief meeting with the Chairman of ICNAF's Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (STACRES) to discuss transitional arrangements, particularly on matters relating to statistics and sampling, biological surveys, and environmental studies. Joint sessions of the Scientific Council and STACRES were suggested.

9. Adjournment. The Chairman thanked the participants for their cooperation during this Inaugural Meeting of the Scientific Council and declared the meeting adjourned at 1630 hrs.

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Scientific Council

Agenda

1. Call to Order by the President of NAFO (Chairman of the General Council)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 2, of the Convention
4. Selection of Rapporteur
5. Admission of Observers
6. Establishment of Working Group on Rules of Procedure
7. Consideration of bases for formulation of advice to Fisheries Commission and coastal states at First Annual Meeting
8. Other Business
 - (a) Adjustment to boundaries between Subareas 0 and 1
 - (b) Organization of work for First Annual Meeting in May 1979
9. Adjournment

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

INAUGURAL MEETING - MARCH 1979

Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Council of NAFO

REPRESENTATION

Rule 1

- 1.1 Each Contracting Party shall inform the Executive Secretary of the names of its representatives on the Scientific Council.
- 1.2 Each Contracting Party through its representative(s) shall inform the Executive Secretary of the names of its alternates, experts, and advisers at or before the commencement of any meeting of the Scientific Council or its committees.
- 1.3 The Scientific Council may invite observers from any non-Member Government or international, public, or private organization to any meetings of the Scientific Council.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 2

- 2.1 A provisional agenda for each annual or special meeting of the Council or any of its committees shall be drawn up by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman of the Scientific Council and of the relevant committee or committees, and be dispatched by the Executive Secretary to all Contracting Parties and non-Member Governments and organizations invited to participate, not less than 60 days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting.
- 2.2 The subject matter of a request for scientific advice from a coastal state, in accordance with Article VII, or from the Fisheries Commission, in accordance with Article VIII, shall be included in the provisional agenda for the relevant meeting of the Scientific Council. A memorandum containing the terms of reference prescribed in Article VII shall be circulated by the Executive Secretary to all Contracting Parties at least 30 days in advance of the meeting at which the subject matter is discussed. This requirement may be waived with the consent of the members of the Scientific Council.

COMMITTEES

Rule 3

- 3.1 There shall be the following standing committees. Except as specified below, each standing committee shall be composed of a scientist appointed by each Contracting Party, who may be assisted by experts and advisers, and each with a chairman who shall be elected by the Scientific Council, in accordance with the provisions of Article X of the Convention, to serve for two years.
 - (a) The Standing Committee on Fisheries Science which shall
 - i) provide a forum for consultation and cooperation among the Contracting Parties with respect to the study, appraisal, and exchange of scientific information and views relating to the fisheries of the Convention Area, including environmental and ecological factors affecting these fisheries; and
 - ii) provide scientific advice as required, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI(c) and VI(d) of the Convention.
 - (b) The Standing Committee on Research Coordination which shall:
 - i) develop and recommend to the Council policies and procedures for the collection, compilation, and dissemination of statistical and sampling information on the living resources and fisheries of the Convention Area and environmental information from oceanographic investigations;
 - ii) coordinate the compilation and maintenance of statistics and records and their dissemination, including liaison with coastal states in the Convention Area;
 - iii) coordinate the planning and execution of international cooperative research in cooperation with coastal states in the Convention Area; and
 - iv) encourage and promote cooperation among the Contracting Parties in scientific research intended to fill gaps in knowledge pertaining to matters identified by the Standing

(c) The Standing Committee on Publications which shall

- i) develop, coordinate, and keep under review the publication and editorial policy and procedures of the Scientific Council and make recommendations to the Scientific Council on these matters; and
- ii) be composed of the Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Council, who shall be the Chairman, and of five other members appointed by the Scientific Council for a period of two years; the Executive Secretary shall be an *ex officio* member of the Committee.

3.2 There shall be an Executive Committee of the Scientific Council, composed of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Council and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees. The Executive Secretary shall be an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee. This Committee shall keep under general review the planning and execution of the Scientific Council's program and ensure that the Scientific Council's organization effectively and efficiently meets the needs of the scientific program, facilitate coordination with other organizations, and provide advice to the Chairman of the Scientific Council on

- (a) the timetable for the work of the Committees and Working Groups, and
- (b) input by the Scientific Council to the work of the General Council.

3.3 The Scientific Council may establish such other standing or *ad hoc* committees or *ad hoc* working groups as it considers necessary.

SECRETARIAT

Rule 4

4.1 The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for providing advice and assistance to the Scientific Council on matters relating to the preparation for, functioning of, and reporting on all meetings of the Scientific Council, and such services as are required by the Scientific Council, its Committees, and Working Groups for the performance of their duties and functions.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Rule 5

5.1 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which they were elected.

5.2 The powers and duties of the Chairman shall be:

- (a) to declare the opening and closing of each meeting of the Scientific Council;
- (b) to preside over the proceedings of the sessions of the Scientific Council;
- (c) to rule on points of order;
- (d) to arrange for the appointment of *ad hoc* committees and working groups as required by the Scientific Council;
- (e) to sign, on behalf of the Scientific Council, a report of the proceedings of each annual or other meeting of the Scientific Council, for transmission to Contracting Parties, representatives, and others concerned, as the authoritative record of what took place; and
- (f) to act as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

5.3 The powers and duties of the Vice-Chairman shall be:

- (a) to exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman when he is unable to act;
- (b) to act as Chairman of the Publications Committee; and
- (c) to undertake such other duties as may be required.

5.4 If the office of the Chairman is vacated, the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the unexpired balance of the term.

VOTING

Rule 6

6.1 Voting, in accordance with Article X of the Convention, shall be taken by show of hands, by roll call in alphabetical order of the names of the Contracting Party or by ballot, as determined by the Chairman.

6.2 Between meetings of the Scientific Council, or in emergency, a vote may be taken by mail, or other means of communication.

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES

Rule 7

- 7.1 Summary records of each plenary and committee session shall be drafted and distributed as soon as possible to session participants.
- 7.2 As soon as possible after each meeting of the Council, copies of all summary records and reports, including resolutions, recommendations, and other decisions adopted by the Scientific Council shall be transmitted by the Executive Secretary to the Contracting Parties and invited participants.
- 7.3 An annual report containing the proceedings of each meeting of the Scientific Council, together with reports of committees, shall be prepared by the Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, and published.

FINANCLAL

Rule 8

- 8.1 The Scientific Council shall not incur any expenditure, except in accordance with a budget approved by General Council.

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 9

- 9.1 These Rules of Procedure may be amended at any time by the Scientific Council, in accordance with Article X of the Convention.

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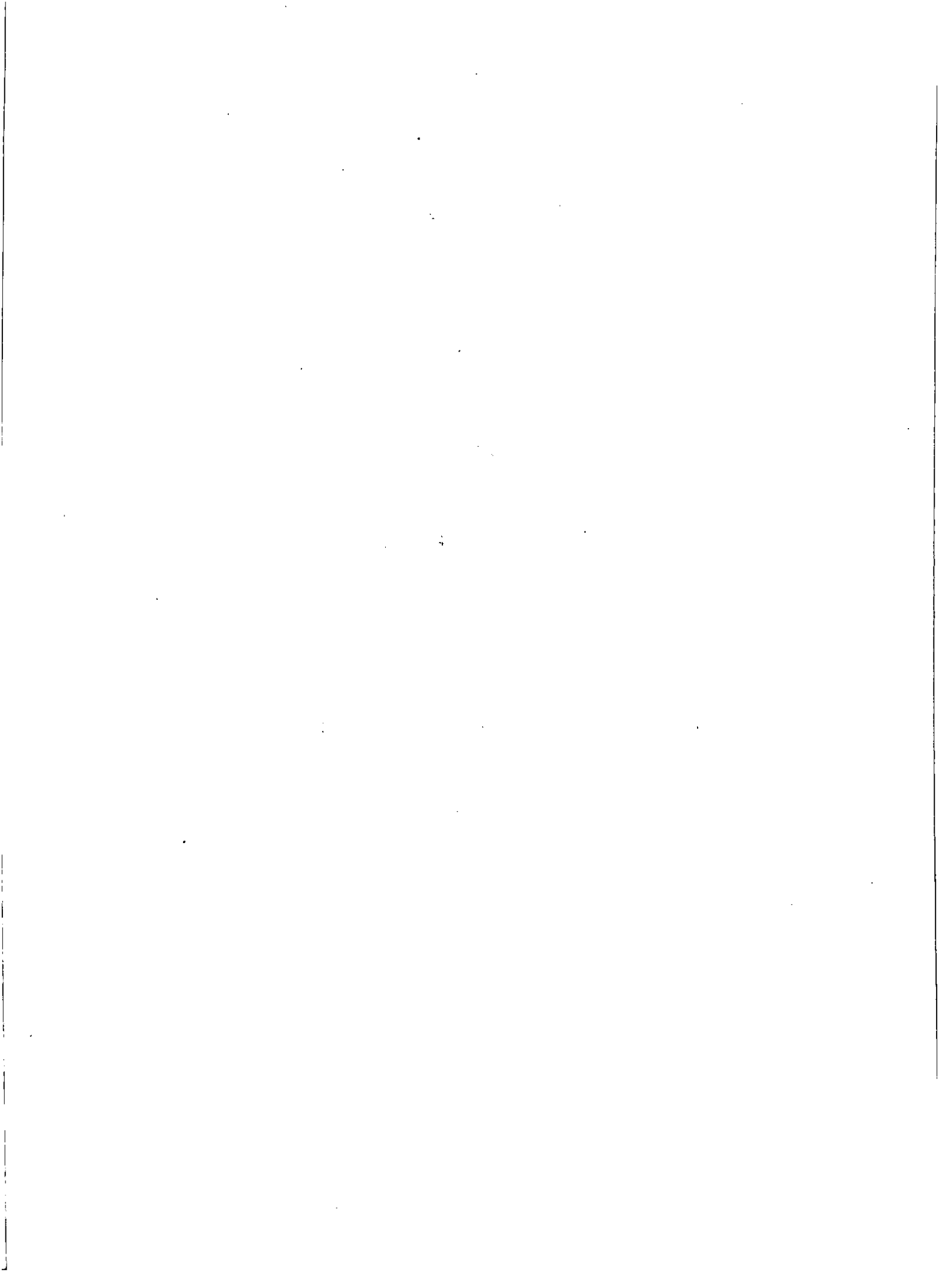
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PRESS

NOTICE

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Press Notice

The Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) held its Inaugural Meeting in Montreal on 8 and 9 March 1979. The new Organization has been established to provide an international cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic fisheries within the context of the new 200-mile fishing limits in the area.

Canada, Cuba, the European Economic Community (EEC), the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Iceland, Norway, Romania, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) participated in the meeting as Parties to the NAFO Convention. Representatives of Bulgaria, Faroe Islands (Denmark), Japan, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and the United States of America (USA), which are expected to join NAFO, attended the meeting as Observers together with representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

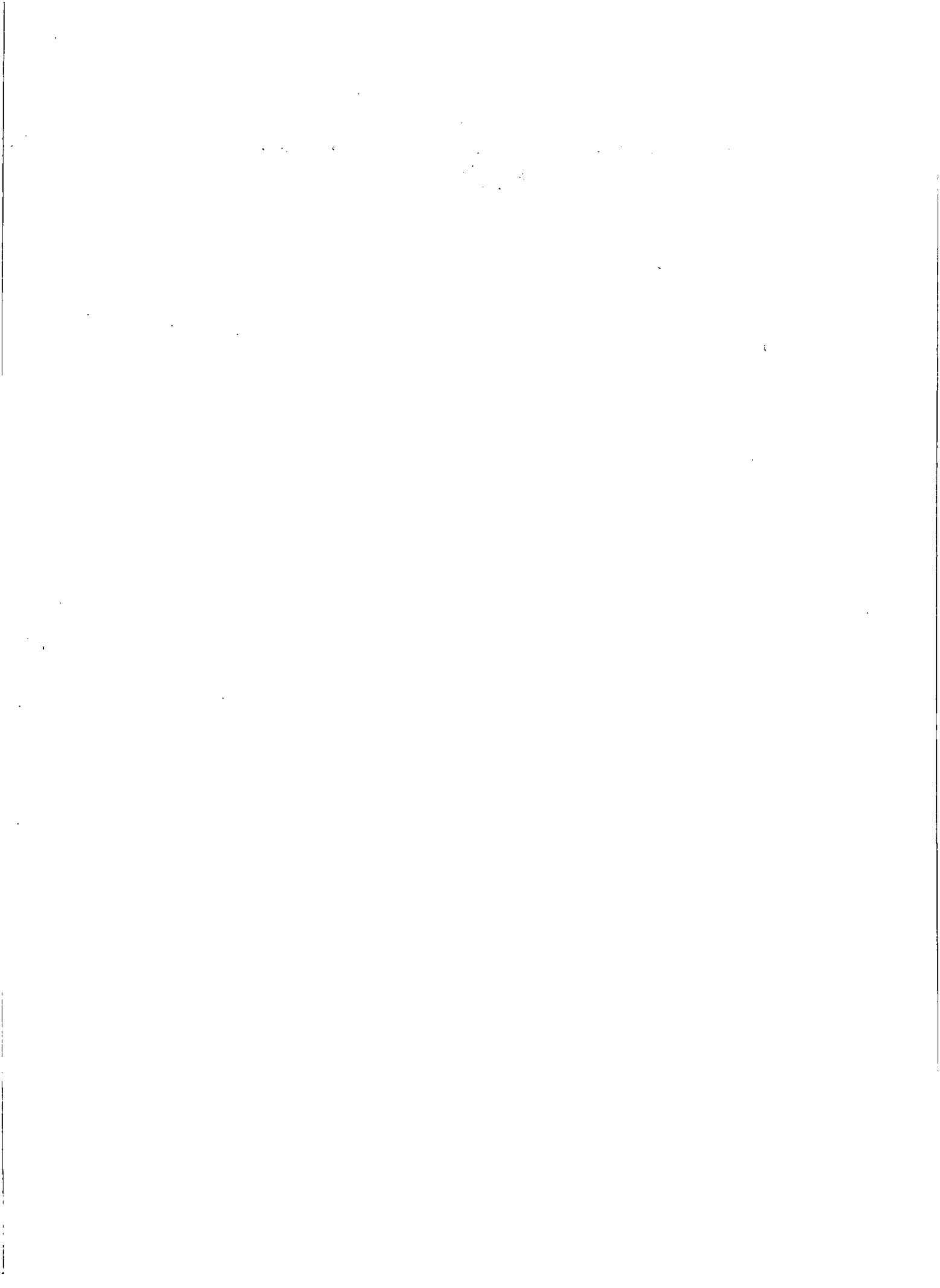
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Dr A. W. May, Assistant Deputy Minister, Atlantic Fisheries Service, of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and leader of the Canadian delegation, opened the meeting as the representative of Canada. He called for increased international consultation in science and management to ensure conservation and healthy fisheries. Dr May was subsequently elected President of the new Organization.

The First Annual Meeting of NAFO will be held concurrently with the 29th Annual Meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF) during 30 May-9 June 1979, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

20 March 1979

Office of the Secretariat
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada



PART II(A)

REPORT

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF NAFO

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 1979



Northwest Atlantic



Fisheries Organization

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Report of the General Council of NAFO

Monday, 4 June, 1525 hrs
Wednesday, 6 June, 1430 hrs
Thursday, 7 June, 1530 hrs

1. The First Annual Meeting of the General Council of NAFO was called to order by the Chairman, Dr A. W. May (Canada).
2. Under Agenda Item 2, Agenda, the provisional agenda was reviewed and adopted (Appendix I).
3. Under Agenda Item 3, Rapporteur, the Executive Secretary was appointed Rapporteur.
4. Under Agenda Item 4, Membership of the General Council, the Chairman announced that Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, the European Economic Community (EEC), the Faroe Islands (Denmark), the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Iceland, Norway, Portugal, Romania, and the USSR had ratified the NAFO Convention and were now Contracting Parties to NAFO and members of the General Council. Observers were welcomed from Japan, Poland, Spain, the United States of America (USA), the International Commission for the Southeast Atlantic Fisheries (ICSEAF), and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).
5. Under Agenda Item 5, Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the General Council unanimously confirmed Dr A. W. May (Canada) and unanimously elected Dr V. Zilanov (USSR) as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the General Council for the period 1979/80 and 1980/81.
6. Under Agenda Item 6, Membership of the Fisheries Commission, the Council reviewed the membership, in accordance with Article XIII(1) of the Convention. Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, the EEC, the Faroe Islands, the GDR, Norway, Portugal, Romania, and the USSR were determined by the General Council to be members of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO. Iceland expressed her wish to remain an Observer in the Fisheries Commission's meetings.
7. Under Agenda Item 7, Working Groups on Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations, Capt J. C. E. Cardoso (Portugal), Convener of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure for the General Council and the Fisheries Commission, reported that draft Rules would be available at the next meeting of the General Council. Miss D. Pethick (Canada), Convener of the Working Group on Financial Regulations, reported draft Regulations would be ready for consideration later during the meeting.
8. Under Agenda Item 8, Reports of the Working Groups, and 9, Adoption of Rules of Procedure for the General Council, the Council agreed to consider these items later.
9. Under Agenda Items 7 and 10, Financial Regulations, the General Council reviewed the Report of the Working Group on Finance and Administration for the Organization (Appendix II) which contained a draft of the Financial Regulations for the General Council of NAFO (Appendix II, Annex 1). The General Council, after considering proposed amendments to Rules 1, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6, adopted the amended Financial Regulations (Appendix III) for a trial period of one year, for review at the next Annual Meeting of the General Council.
10. Under Agenda Item 13, Boundary Change Between Subareas 0 and 1, the General Council examined a Canadian and EEC proposal to amend Annex III of the Convention (NAFO Doc. 79/VI/1). Following several agreed amendments to the proposal, the delegate of Portugal raised doubts as to whether the General Council would be acting pursuant to Article XX, paragraph 2 of the Convention or to Article XXI, paragraph 3 of the Convention. A revised proposal (NAFO/GC 79/VI/2) was discussed and the General Council agreed that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Depositary Government, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, a proposal to amend Annex III of the Convention, the amendment to become effective 1 January 1980 (Appendix IV).
11. Under Agenda Item 15, Press Statement, the General Council agreed that the Chairmen of the General Council, the Fisheries Commission, the Scientific Council, and the Executive Secretary would be responsible for preparing a statement for the press.

12. Under Agenda Item 11, Establishment of a Standing Committee on Finance and Administration, the General Council agreed to set up an ad hoc Standing Committee on Finance and Administration whose membership would consist of representatives from Canada, the GDR, Norway, Portugal, and the USSR. This ad hoc Standing Committee would function until the General Council adopted Rules of Procedure and formalized a Standing Committee on Finance and Administration.
 13. The General Council recessed at 1745 hrs, 4 June.
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14. The General Council reconvened at 1430 hrs, 6 June.
 15. Under Agenda Item 9, Adoption of Rules of Procedure for the General Council, the Chairman of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure (Capt J. C. E. Cardoso, Portugal) reviewed a draft of the Rules. Following discussion and proposed amendments to Rules 1.2, 4.2, and 5.1, the General Council adopted the Rules of Procedure as amended (Appendix V).
 16. Under Agenda Item 14, Other Business, the General Council agreed to discuss the Scientific Observer Scheme proposed by Canada (NAFO/FC 79/VI/5). Following long discussion of the legalistic, juridical, and practical problems, at the suggestion of the delegate of Canada, the General Council agreed that the item be referred back to the Scientific Council for a description of the objectives and requirements and for a review of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the proposal. The General Council agreed that Canada would draft such a request for the Scientific Council to consider the proposed Scheme.
 17. The General Council recessed at 1645 hrs, 6 June.

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18. The General Council reconvened at 1530 hrs, 7 June, to continue consideration of Agenda Item 11, Establishment of a Standing Committee on Finance and Administration. The Report of STACFAD (Appendix VI) was reviewed by the Chairman, Miss D. Pethick (Canada), and adopted including its membership, the budget estimate for 1980, and an administrative report and financial statement for 1979 prepared by the Executive Secretary (NAFO/GC 79/VI/1), and recommendations to the General Council regarding a replacement for the Executive Secretary who would be retiring in 1980.
 19. Under Agenda Item 14, Other Business, the General Council, following discussion with the Fisheries Commission and the Scientific Council, agreed that the Second Annual Meeting of NAFO would be convened from 3-12 September 1980 in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. Special meetings of the Scientific Council and the Fisheries Commission on Div. 3NO and Div. 3M cod, Subarea 3+4 squid, and Div. 4VWX silver hake, would be held starting 5 February 1980 in Lisbon, Portugal, for the former and, from 4 to 7 March 1980 in Toronto, Canada, for the latter. It was noted that the Scientific Council would meet in May-June 1980 to prepare advice on conservation measures for 1981. It was also noted that a meeting of the Scientific Council to prepare advice on shrimp in Subareas 0 and 1 and seals in the Convention Area would be held at the ICNAF/NAFO Secretariat in the autumn of 1979.

A NAFO logo was discussed and a design was generally agreed upon.

Regarding the retirement of the Executive Secretary, the General Council agreed that each Contracting Party should search for suitable candidates to be put forward before February 1980.

In further consideration of the proposed Scientific Observer Scheme, the General Council noted the request of the Fisheries Commission and agreed to transmit the Fisheries Commission Resolution Concerning the Establishment of a Scientific Observer Scheme (Appendix X of the Report of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO) to those Parties to the ICNAF Convention which are not yet Parties to the NAFO Convention.

20. Under Agenda Item 16, Adjournment, the Executive Secretary, Mr L. R. Day, expressed his mixed feelings at leaving after 17 wonderful years of association with ICNAF and its dedicated participants. He thanked those who were present and the many who were not present for their patience, kindness, and cooperation over the years. He paid tribute especially to the staff of the Secretariat for their loyalty, industry, and unquestioning and immediate application to any requests, problems, or duties which may have been assigned over the years.

The Chairman of the General Council of NAFO thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the First Annual Meeting of NAFO and declared the meeting adjourned at 1925 hrs, 7 June 1979. A press release summarizing the highlights of the First Annual Meeting of NAFO and the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of ICNAF is at Part II(E).

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

General Council

Agenda

1. Opening by temporary Chairman, Dr A. W. May (Canada)
2. Agenda
3. Rapporteur
4. Review of Membership of the General Council
5. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a period of two years
6. Review of Membership of the Fisheries Commission
7. Further consideration by Working Groups on
 - (a) draft Rules of Procedure for the General Council and for the Fisheries Commission
 - (b) draft Financial Regulations
8. Reports of Working Groups
9. Adoption of Rules of Procedure for the General Council of NAFO
10. Adoption of Financial Regulations
11. Establishment of a Standing Committee on Finance and Administration
 - (a) Membership
 - (b) Election of Chairman
 - (c) Administrative Report and Financial Statement for 1979 (NAFO Circular Letter 79/3)
 - (d) Budget Estimate for 1980
 - (e) Budget Forecast for 1981
 - (f) Publications
12. Report of STACFAD
13. Further consideration of boundary change between Subareas 0 and 1 of NAFO
14. Other Business
15. Press Statement
16. Adjournment

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Report of the Working Group on Finance and Administration for the Organization

Tuesday, 29 May, 1000 hrs

Friday, 1 June, 1730 hrs

1. The meeting of the Working Group was called to order by the Chairman, Miss Diana Pethick (Canada).
2. Membership. Representatives were present from Canada, Cuba, the European Economic Community (EEC), Japan, Norway, Portugal, the USSR, and the NAFO Secretariat.
3. The Working Group considered the draft financial regulations (Annex 1) referred to it from the March Inaugural Meeting. After considerable discussion and review by the Working Group, the financial regulations at Appendix III were recommended for adoption by the General Council.

The Working Group noted, however, that these regulations should be considered as provisional for one year.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

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Draft Financial Regulations for the General Council of NAFO

FISCAL YEAR

Rule 1

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BUDGET

Rule 2

- 2.1 The Executive Secretary shall prepare and submit to the annual meeting budgetary estimates in Canadian dollars of income and expenditures of the General Council, the Fisheries Commission, the Scientific Council, and the Secretariat covering income and expenditures for the following financial year. He shall transmit these to all Contracting Parties at least 60 days before the opening of the regular annual meeting. At the same time, he shall prepare a forecast budget for the subsequent financial year.
- 2.2 The estimates and forecast shall be divided into categories, and shall be accompanied by such information as the General Council may specify from time to time, and as the Executive Secretary may deem useful.
- 2.3 The Fisheries Commission and the Scientific Council shall report to the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration on anticipated costs necessary for the conduct of their business.
- 2.4 The Standing Committee on Finance and Administration shall meet during each annual meeting of the General Council to examine the estimates and shall report thereon to the General Council. After consideration of the report, and after any necessary adjustments or revisions have been made, the General Council shall adopt the budget.

APPROPRIATIONS

Rule 3

- 3.1 The appropriations adopted by the General Council in the budgets shall constitute an authorization to the Executive Secretary to incur obligations and make payments for the purposes and up to the amounts so adopted.
- 3.2 Appropriations shall remain available for 12 months following the end of the financial year to which they relate to the extent that they are required to discharge obligations incurred during that financial year. At the end of the 12-month period, any unliquidated prior year obligations shall be cancelled, or, where the obligation remains a valid charge, transferred as an obligation against current appropriations.
- 3.3 The Chairman of the General Council may authorize the Executive Secretary to transfer appropriations between categories in the budget adopted by the General Council.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

Rule 4

- 4.1 There shall be established proper books of account for the purpose of accounting for the receipts and expenditures of the Organization.
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 - b) unexpended balances at the end of the 12-month period specified in Rule 3.2 for prior year obligations, but not disbursed;
 - c) refunds, from any source, of prior year's expenditures of the Organization.

- 4.3 Monies available in the accumulated surplus account may be used temporarily to the extent necessary to finance appropriations pending receipt of annual payments by Contracting Parties.
- 4.4 The Chairman of the General Council, after consultations with representatives of other Parties on the General Council, may authorize expenditures from an accumulated surplus account for unforeseen and extraordinary expenses necessary to the good conduct of the business of the Organization. Such funds may not be in excess of 20% of the annual budget for the current financial year and, except to the extent recoverable from some other source, shall be reimbursed through the submission of supplementary estimates.
- 4.5 The Standing Committee on Finance and Administration, and the General Council, shall review the amount available in the accumulated surplus account during each annual meeting. Insofar as possible, the General Council shall anticipate unforeseen expenditures during the succeeding three years and shall attempt to maintain the accumulated surplus account at such a level that appropriations can be made from the accumulated surplus account for such purposes instead of being included in the annual budget. However, the accumulated surplus account shall be maintained at a level, determined by the General Council, sufficient to finance appropriations in accordance with Rule 4.3 and for use in an emergency in accordance with Rule 4.4.
- 4.6 The Executive Secretary shall inform each Contracting Party of the annual contribution due, in accordance with Article XVI, paragraphs 3 and 4, as soon as possible after the General Council has adopted the annual budget. In assessing the amounts due, the Executive Secretary shall reduce the amount appropriated in the budget by the amount of staff assessments, if any, and by the amount determined by the General Council to be in excess of the needs of the accumulated surplus account.
- 4.7 Annual contributions shall be due and payable in full within 30 days of receipt of the information from the Executive Secretary referred to in Rule 4.6 or the first day of the financial year, the unpaid balance shall be considered to be in arrears.
- 4.8 New Contracting Parties, for the first year, shall pay their annual contribution within 90 days of depositing an instrument of accession with the Depositary Government for that financial year, in accordance with Article XVI, paragraph 8, of the Convention.

BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

Rule 5

- 5.1 The Executive Secretary shall establish detailed financial procedures in order to ensure financial administration and the exercise of economy.
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EXTERNAL AUDIT

Rule 7

- 7.1 Having regard to the budgetary provisions for the audit, and after consultation with the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration relative to the scope of the audit, the Auditors, appointed in accordance with Article XVI, paragraph 10, of the Convention, shall perform such an audit as they deem necessary to certify:
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The Executive Secretary may delegate to other staff of the Secretariat such of his powers as he considers necessary for the effective implementation of these regulations.

INTERPRETATION

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The Chairman of the General Council shall rule, in cases of doubt, as to the interpretation and application of any of these Rules.

APPLICATION

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11.1 These Rules shall become effective on the first day of the month following their approval by the General Council.

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NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

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NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Proposal to amend Annex III of the Convention

The General Council

Noting the resolution of the Scientific Council of March 1979 concerning the proposed amendment;

Noting that the external limits of the Canadian and Danish fishing zones, respectively, in the area between Canada and Greenland up to 75° North latitude coincide;

Noting that the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 approximates to, but does not follow, the coinciding limits in the area;

Noting that the difference between the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 and the coinciding limits creates difficulties for the coastal states concerned in the assignment of catches to their respective areas of jurisdiction; and

Acting pursuant to Article XX, paragraph 2 of the Convention, hereby decides that the western boundary of Subarea 1 be modified effective 1 January 1980 to conform to the coinciding limits in the area by amending Annex III to the Convention so that the description of Subarea 0 contained in paragraph 1 (a) and the description of Subarea 1 in paragraph 2 (a) of the Annex read as follows:

1 (a) Subarea 0

That portion of the Convention Area bounded on the south by a line extending due east from a point at 61°00' north latitude and 65°00' west longitude to a point at 61°00' north latitude and 59°00' west longitude, thence in a southeasterly direction along a rhumb line to a point at 60°12' north latitude and 57°13' west longitude; thence bounded on the east by a series of geodesic lines joining the following points:

<u>Point No.</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>	<u>Point No.</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
1	60°12'0	57°13'0	35	66°37'9	57°39'6
2	61°00'0	57°13'1	36	66°41'8	57°40'6
3	62°00'5	57°21'1	37	66°49'5	57°43'0
4	62°02'3	57°21'8	38	67°21'6	57°52'7
5	62°03'5	57°22'2	39	67°27'3	57°54'9
6	62°11'5	57°25'4	40	67°28'3	57°55'3
7	62°47'2	57°41'0	41	67°29'1	57°56'1
8	63°22'8	57°57'4	42	67°30'7	57°57'8
9	63°28'6	57°59'7	43	67°35'3	58°02'2
10	63°35'0	58°02'0	44	67°39'7	58°06'2
11	63°37'2	58°01'2	45	67°44'2	58°09'9
12	63°44'1	57°58'8	46	67°56'9	58°19'8
13	63°50'1	57°57'2	47	68°01'8	58°23'3
14	63°52'6	57°56'6	48	68°04'3	58°25'0
15	63°57'4	57°53'5	49	68°06'8	58°26'7
16	64°04'3	57°49'1	50	68°07'5	58°27'2
17	64°12'2	57°48'2	51	68°16'1	58°34'1
18	65°06'0	57°44'1	52	68°21'7	58°39'0
19	65°08'9	57°43'9	53	68°25'3	58°42'4
20	65°11'6	57°44'4	54	68°32'9	59°01'8
21	65°14'5	57°45'1	55	68°34'0	59°04'6
22	65°18'1	57°45'8	56	68°37'9	59°14'3
23	65°23'3	57°44'9	57	68°38'0	59°14'6
24	65°34'8	57°42'3	58	68°56'8	60°02'4
25	65°37'7	57°41'9	59	69°00'8	60°09'0
26	65°50'9	57°40'7	60	69°06'8	60°18'5
27	65°51'7	57°40'6	61	69°10'3	60°23'8
28	65°57'6	57°40'1	62	69°12'8	60°27'5
29	66°03'5	57°39'6	63	69°29'4	60°51'6
30	66°12'9	57°38'2	64	69°49'8	60°58'2
31	66°18'8	57°37'8	65	69°55'3	60°59'6
32	66°24'6	57°37'8	66	69°55'8	61°00'0
33	66°30'3	57°38'3	67	70°01'6	61°00'0

<u>Point No.</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>	<u>Point No.</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
69	70°08'8	61°08'8	93	72°50'8	65°07'6
70	70°13'4	61°10'6	94	73°18'5	66°08'3
71	70°33'1	61°17'4	95	73°25'9	66°25'3
72	70°35'6	61°20'6	96	73°31'1	67°15'1
73	70°48'2	61°37'9	97	73°36'5	68°05'5
74	70°51'8	61°42'7	98	73°37'9	68°12'3
75	71°12'1	62°09'1	99	73°41'7	68°29'4
76	71°18'9	62°17'5	100	73°46'1	68°48'5
77	71°25'9	62°25'5	101	73°46'7	68°51'1
78	71°29'4	62°29'3	102	73°52'3	69°11'3
79	71°31'8	62°32'0	103	73°57'6	69°31'5
80	71°32'9	62°33'5	104	74°02'2	69°50'3
81	71°44'7	62°49'6	105	74°02'6	69°52'0
82	71°47'3	62°53'1	106	74°06'1	70°06'6
83	71°52'9	63°03'9	107	74°07'5	70°12'5
84	72°01'7	63°21'1	108	74°10'0	70°23'1
85	72°06'4	63°30'9	109	74°12'5	70°33'7
86	72°11'0	63°41'0	110	74°24'0	71°25'7
87	72°24'8	64°13'2	111	74°28'6	71°45'8
88	72°30'5	64°26'1	112	74°44'2	72°53'0
89	72°36'3	64°38'8	113	74°50'6	73°02'8
90	72°43'7	64°54'3	114	75°00'0	73°16'3
91	72°45'7	64°58'4	115	75°05'	73°30'
92	72°47'7	65°00'9			

and thence due north to the parallel of 78°10' north latitude; and bounded on the west by a line beginning at 61°00' north latitude and 65°00' west longitude and extending in a north-westerly direction along a rhumb line to the coast of Baffin Island at East Bluff (61°55' north latitude and 66°20' west longitude), and thence in a northerly direction along the coast of Baffin Island, Bylot Island, Devon Island and Ellesmere Island and following the meridian of 80° west longitude in the waters between those islands to 78°10' north latitude; and bounded on the north by the parallel of 78°10' north latitude.

2 (a) Subarea 1

That portion of the Convention Area lying to the east of Subarea 0 and to the north and east of a rhumb line joining a point at 60°12' north latitude and 57°13' west longitude with a point at 52°15' north latitude and 42°00' west longitude.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Rules of Procedure for the General Council of NAFO

REPRESENTATION

Rule 1

- 1.1 Each Contracting Party shall notify the Executive Secretary as far as possible in advance of any meeting of the names of its representatives, alternates, experts and advisers who will attend.
- 1.2 The General Council may invite any non-Member Government and any international organization to be represented at meetings of the General Council or its subsidiary bodies by an observer or observers.

VOTING

Rule 2

- 2.1 Observers, experts and advisers may address plenary or subsidiary body meetings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 2.2 At meetings of the subsidiary bodies, decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes of all members of the relevant subsidiary body, present and casting affirmative or negative votes, provided that no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of all members of the relevant subsidiary body.
- 2.3 Votes shall be taken by show of hands, by roll call, in the English alphabetical order of the names of the Contracting Parties, or by ballot, as determined by the Chairman.
- 2.4 In the case of an emergency between meetings, a vote may be taken by mail or other means of communication.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Rule 3

- 3.1 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which they are elected.
- 3.2 The powers and duties of the Chairman shall be:
 - (a) to declare the opening and closing of each meeting;
 - (b) to preside at meetings;
 - (c) to rule on points of order, subject to the right of any representative to request that any ruling of the Chairman shall be submitted to the General Council for decision by vote;
 - (d) to call for and announce the results of votes;
 - (e) to determine, after consultation with the Chairman of the Scientific Council and Fisheries Commission, a schedule of meetings for annual or special meetings of the Organization;
 - (f) to determine, after consultation with the Executive Secretary, the provisional agenda for the annual and special meetings;
 - (g) to arrange for the appointment of the members of subsidiary bodies as required;
 - (h) to sign a report of the proceedings of each meeting of the General Council, for transmission to Contracting Parties, their representatives and others concerned; and
 - (i) generally, to make such decisions and give such directions to the Executive Secretary as will ensure, especially in the interval between meetings, that the business of the Organization is carried out efficiently and in accordance with its decisions.
- 3.3 Whenever the Chairman is unable to act, the Vice-Chairman shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman.
- 3.4 If the office of the Chairman is vacated, the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the balance of the term.
- 3.5 The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall not vote and another representative of his delegation shall exercise this function.

- 3.6 If the offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are vacated, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman, and the first order of business at the next meeting shall be the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the balance of the term.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 4

- 4.1 A provisional agenda for each annual or special meeting of the General Council, or any of its subsidiary bodies, shall be prepared by the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the instructions from the Chairman, or the Chairman of the relevant subsidiary body, and be dispatched by the Executive Secretary to all Contracting Parties, their representatives, and invited observers, not less than 60 days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting.
- 4.2 Except as provided in paragraph 4.3, no order of business which involves amendment of these Rules of Procedure, budget or related financial matters, application for membership of the Fisheries Commission under Article XIII, paragraph 1(b), boundary modifications under Article XX, or amendments to the Convention under Article XXI, shall be the subject of a decision, unless the subject matter has been included in the provisional agenda and explained in a document, circulated by the Executive Secretary to the representatives of all Contracting Parties not later than 50 days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting concerned.
- 4.3 The General Council, by a majority of the votes of all members present and casting affirmative or negative votes, may take decisions involving amendment of these Rules of Procedure, provided that no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of the members.

COMMITTEES

Rule 5

- 5.1 There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance and Administration consisting of at least five representatives, one from each of at least five Contracting Parties, who may be assisted by experts and advisers, and which will advise the General Council on:
- (a) matters relating to the Secretariat;
 - (b) the budget of the Organization;
 - (c) the time and place of meetings of the Organization; and
 - (d) publications of the Organization.
- 5.2 The Committee shall elect from among its members, to serve for two years, its own Chairman, who shall be allowed a vote. The Executive Secretary shall be an *ex officio* member, without vote.
- 5.3 The General Council may establish such other subsidiary bodies as required.
- 5.4 Except as provided in these Rules, each subsidiary body shall establish its own Rules of Procedure.

SECRETARIAT

Rule 6

- 6.1 The General Council shall designate staff positions to be filled through appointments made by the Executive Secretary. The General Council shall fix the tenure, rate of remuneration, and travelling expenses for the members of the Secretariat.
- 6.2 The Executive Secretary shall:
- (a) have full power and authority over the Secretariat subject to the general supervision of the General Council;
 - (b) make all arrangements necessary for the General Council, Scientific Council, and Fisheries Commission meetings;
 - (c) prepare and transmit the provisional agendas in accordance with Rule 4.1;
 - (d) address communications to the Depositary Government, pursuant to the provisions of Article XXI, paragraph 2;
 - (e) receive the credentials of the representatives and of observers at annual and special meetings and report thereon to the General Council as required; and
 - (f) perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the General Council, its Chairman, or the Chairman of a committee.

LANGUAGE

Rule 7

English shall be the official and working language of the General Council and its subsidiary bodies but, if desired, any other language may be used, on condition that persons doing so will provide interpreters. All official publications and communications of the General Council shall be in English.

RECORDS AND REPORTS

Rule 8

- 8.1 Summary records of each plenary and other session shall be drafted and distributed as soon as possible to the participants by the Executive Secretary.
- 8.2 Summary minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of all subsidiary bodies shall be furnished to the General Council by the Executive Secretary.
- 8.3 Summary records, reports, resolutions, proposals and other formal decisions adopted shall be transmitted as soon as possible after each meeting to the Contracting Parties, their representatives, and observers, by the Executive Secretary.
- 8.4 The General Council shall publish annually, following its annual meeting, a report of the Organization's activities. This report shall include a summary of its findings and statistical, scientific, and other information gathered pertaining to the fisheries of the Convention Area, the Chairman's report of the annual meeting, and a financial statement.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Report of Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD)

Tuesday, 5 June, 0930 hrs
Wednesday, 6 June, 0900 hrs

1. Opening. The first meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD) was convened with the following representatives of Contracting Parties participating: Canada (Miss D. E. Pethick, Convener), the German Democratic Republic (GDR) (Dr W. Ranke), Norway (Mr F. Bergesen), Portugal (Capt A. S. Gaspar), and the USSR (Mr A. A. Volkov).

The Committee elected Miss D. E. Pethick (Canada) as Chairman.
2. Rapporteur. The Executive Secretary was appointed Rapporteur.
3. Membership. In the absence of adopted Rules of Procedure from the General Council, the Chairman noted the provisional status of the membership of this Committee as being the Contracting Parties represented at this meeting. Observers were welcomed from Japan (Mr K. Shimizu) and the USA (Messrs D. S. Crestin and D. A. Reifsnnyder) and were invited to participate in the meeting discussions.
4. Agenda. The provisional agenda, as circulated, was adopted.
5. Administrative Report and Financial Statement for 1979 (NAFO/GC 79/VI/1). The Chairman reviewed the Report, noting the establishment of the ICNAF/NAFO Secretariat, of NAFO administrative procedures, and of NAFO books of accounts. Concerning financial matters, STACFAD noted that the 1979 NAFO contribution of \$74,254 from the European Economic Community (EEC) was still outstanding.

STACFAD agreed that the Executive Secretary should continue to pursue the possibility of reinstating the annual *ex gratia* grant from the Province of Nova Scotia. The Chairman also noted that the request for privileges and immunities to be granted NAFO was under consideration by the Government of Canada and should be forthcoming before the end of the year.

STACFAD

recommends

that the Report on Administrative and Financial Matters, with the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 15 May 1979 (NAFO/GC 79/VI/1), be adopted.

6. Budget Estimate, 1980. The Executive Secretary advised that an estimated appropriation of \$480,000 would be required to meet the ordinary expenses of NAFO for the 1980 financial year. The delegate of the GDR expressed concern about the amount of the budget estimate and questioned the \$15,000 contingency item. The Executive Secretary pointed out that the requirement of \$480,000 represented a small increase (less than 6%) over the amount of \$454,000 appropriated for operating expenses for the 1978/79 financial year, and agreed that the contingency item could be reduced to \$10,000, putting the budget estimate at \$475,000 for the year 1980.

The estimated assets of \$75,000 to be transferred from the ICNAF Working Capital Fund to the NAFO Accumulated Surplus Account was reviewed. STACFAD unanimously agreed that this NAFO account should be maintained at a minimum of about \$50,000 for the year 1980, leaving about \$25,000 which could be applied against appropriations which would be due from Contracting Parties for 1980. The Staff Assessment Account was also reviewed. Since the *ex gratia* grant (\$17,000 in 1978) from the Province of Nova Scotia had been discontinued, only about \$40,000 could be used from the Staff Assessment Account to reduce appropriations.

STACFAD

recommends

- i) that the budget estimate of \$475,000 be approved for the 1980 financial year (Annex 1);
- ii) that the Accumulated Surplus Account be maintained at \$50,000 and that the remaining amount of approximately \$25,000 be applied against the 1980 budget; and
- iii) that approximately \$40,000 to be received by NAFO from the ICNAF Staff Assessment Account be applied against the 1980 budget.

Based on the budget estimate of \$475,000 and the application of \$65,000 from the Accumulated Surplus and Staff Assessment Accounts, a total of \$410,000 would be required for the 1980 financial year. Tables are attached (Annex 2) showing the amount each Contracting Party would be assessed under the NAFO formula. Table 1 provides figures based on all 15 Contracting Parties joining NAFO before 1 January 1980. Table 2 provides figures based on the present 11 Contracting Parties (Japan, Poland, Spain, and the USA were omitted from this calculation). Table 3 is based on 13 Contracting Parties joining NAFO (Spain and the USA were omitted from this calculation). Table 4 shows 1977 catches by various Parties of the 20 NAFO species. These figures are the basis for the calculations in Tables 1-3. STACFAD drew attention to the fact that it would be impossible at this time to advise Contracting Parties of their exact contribution for the 1980 financial year because it is not clear exactly how many Contracting Parties will comprise NAFO before January 1980. STACFAD noted that the Contracting Parties to NAFO would be billed in accordance with the NAFO formula; and that Governments who are Members of ICNAF after 31 December 1979 would be billed under the ICNAF formula, based on panel membership during the 1979/80 financial year.

7. Billing Date. The billing date for 1980 was set at 15 February 1980.
8. Budget Forecast, 1981. The 1981 budget forecast was discussed. STACFAD noted the increase of about 8% over the 1980 budget estimate and that this budget would be considered in detail at the 1980 Annual Meeting of NAFO (Annex 3).
9. Publications. STACFAD noted that the budget appropriations estimated for the current ICNAF publications might have to be carried over, in part, into NAFO for the 1980 financial year. STACFAD noted with approval the proposal to continue the present ICNAF document series, in the NAFO context, with NAFO identifying prefixes (Annex 4).
10. Meetings. STACFAD noted mention of the need for a special Scientific Council meeting on seals and shrimp in mid-November 1979. STACFAD recommends that such a meeting be held at the ICNAF/NAFO Secretariat. STACFAD noted that the following additional meetings have been proposed for 1980:
 - i) a special Scientific Council meeting on Div. 3NO-3M cod, capelin, squid, and silver hake in 1980 in Lisbon, Portugal; during the month of February;
 - ii) a special Fisheries Commission meeting be held immediately following the Scientific Council meeting in Lisbon, Portugal; or, if no other invitation is received, that it be held in Montreal, Quebec, or Toronto, Ontario, no later than three weeks following the conclusion of the Scientific Council meeting;
 - iii) that the 1980 Annual Meeting be held in St. John's, Newfoundland, before the end of September 1980.
11. Other Business
 - (a) NAFO logo

STACFAD drew attention of the General Council to the circulated suggestions for a NAFO logo and requested an early decision in order that stationery can be prepared. In the absence of suggestions, STACFAD recommends that the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Chairmen of the General Council, the Fisheries Commission, and the Scientific Council, take a decision on a new logo for the Organization before the end of 1979.

(b) Retirement of Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary, Mr L. R. Day, notified STACFAD of his retirement, effective one year from now. In announcing his retirement, the Executive Secretary expressed his willingness to stay on with the Organization until the conclusion of the next annual meeting. STACFAD wishes to state "that we have tried to talk the Executive Secretary out of his decision. Mr Day will, of course, be available to us at any time for advice on NAFO matters". STACFAD

recommends

that a committee be established immediately, comprised of the Chairmen of the General Council, the Scientific Council, the Fisheries Commission, and the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration, to coordinate the search for potential candidates for the position of Executive Secretary, to develop a short list of suitably qualified candidates, and to hold interviews before the next annual meeting. At that time, the General Council will be asked to approve the Committee's decision for a new Executive Secretary.

12. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1015 hrs, 6 June.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Preliminary Budget Estimate, 1980

1. Personal Services	
(a) Salaries	\$ 265,000
(b) Superannuation	18,000
(c) Additional help	1,000
(d) Group medical and insurance plans	4,000
(e) Contingencies	20,000
2. Travel	4,000
3. Transportation of Things	1,000
4. Communications	25,000
5. Publications	12,000
6. Other Contractual Services	30,000
7. Materials and Supplies	15,000
8. Equipment	5,000
9. Annual and Mid-Year Meetings	25,000
10. Computer Services	40,000
11. Contingencies	<u>10,000</u>
	\$ 475,000

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Tables showing the amounts assessed each Contracting Party
under the NAFO formula to meet the 1980 NAFO budget estimate

Table 1. Based on 15 Contracting Parties to NAFO, effective 1 January 1980

Preliminary calculation of billing for Contracting Parties, based on Article XVI (3) and Article I (3), against proposed estimates of \$475,000 for the 1980 financial year

Budget estimate	\$ 475,000.00
Deduct: Estimated transfer from ICNAF Working Capital Fund .	25,000.00
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	\$ 450,000.00
Deduct: Amount from Staff Assessment	40,000.00
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Funds required to meet 1980 budget	\$ 410,000.00

Contracting Parties	10%	30%	60%	Total
Bulgaria	-	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 1,599.00	\$ 9,799.00
Canada	\$28,208.00	8,200.00	106,567.20	142,975.20
Cuba	-	8,200.00	2,410.80	10,610.80
European Economic Community	6,027.00	8,200.00	22,779.00	37,006.60
Faroe Islands (Denmark)	-	8,200.00	3,837.60	12,037.60
German Democratic Republic	-	8,200.00	2,460.00	10,660.00
Iceland	-	8,200.00	467.40	8,667.40
Japan	-	8,200.00	3,345.60	11,545.60
Norway	-	8,200.00	4,280.40	12,480.40
Poland	-	8,200.00	6,396.00	14,596.00
Portugal	-	8,200.00	4,157.40	12,357.40
Romania	-	8,200.00	713.40	8,913.40
Spain	-	8,200.00	6,543.60	14,743.60
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	-	8,200.00	54,784.20	62,984.20
United States of America	6,765.00	8,200.00	25,633.20	40,598.20
	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 246,000.00	\$ 410,000.00

Table 2. Based on 11 Contracting Parties to NAFO, effective 1 January 1980

Preliminary calculation of billing for Contracting Parties against proposed estimates of \$475,000 for the 1980 financial year.

Budget estimate	\$ 475,000.00
Deduct: Estimated transfer from ICNAF Working Capital Fund .	25,000.00
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	\$ 450,000.00
Deduct: Amount from Staff Assessment	40,000.00
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Funds required to meet 1980 budget	<u>\$ 410,000.00</u>

Contracting Parties	10%	30%	60%	Total
Bulgaria	-	\$ 11,181.82	\$ 1,943.40	\$ 13,125.22
Canada	\$ 33,620.00	11,181.82	128,461.20	173,263.02
Cuba	-	11,181.82	2,927.40	14,109.22
European Economic Community	7,380.00	11,181.82	27,453.60	46,015.42
Faroe Islands (Denmark)	-	11,181.82	4,624.80	15,806.62
German Democratic Republic	-	11,181.82	2,976.60	14,158.42
Iceland	-	11,181.82	541.20	11,723.02
Norway	-	11,181.82	5,166.00	16,347.82
Portugal	-	11,181.82	5,018.40	16,200.22
Romania	-	11,181.82	885.60	12,067.42
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	-	11,181.82	66,051.00	77,232.82
	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 246,000.00	\$ 410,000.00

Table 3. Based on 13 Contracting Parties to NAFO, effective 1 January 1980

Preliminary calculation of billing for Contracting Parties against proposed estimates of \$475,000 for the 1980 financial year

Budget estimate	\$ 475,000.00
Deduct: Estimated transfer from ICNAF Working Capital Fund .	25,000.00
	<u>\$ 450,000.00</u>
Deduct: Amount from Staff Assessment	40,000.00
	<u>\$ 410,000.00</u>

Contracting Parties	10%	30%	60%	Total
Bulgaria	-	\$ 9,461.54	\$ 1,845.00	\$ 11,306.54
Canada	\$ 33,620.00	9,461.54	122,606.40	165,687.94
Cuba	-	9,461.54	2,779.80	12,241.34
European Economic Community	7,380.00	9,461.54	26,199.00	43,040.54
Faroe Islands (Denmark)	-	9,461.54	4,403.40	13,864.94
German Democratic Republic	-	9,461.54	2,829.00	12,290.54
Iceland	-	9,461.54	516.60	9,978.14
Japan	-	9,461.54	3,862.20	13,323.74
Norway	-	9,461.54	4,920.00	14,381.54
Poland	-	9,461.54	7,355.40	16,816.94
Portugal	-	9,461.54	4,797.00	14,258.54
Romania	-	9,461.54	836.40	10,297.94
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	-	9,461.54	63,025.20	72,486.74
	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 246,000.00	\$ 410,000.00

Table 4. 1977 catches for STACFAD/NAFO.

Country	COD	HAD	RED	HKS	HKR	POK	PLA	WIT	YEL	GHL	RNG
Bulgaria	-	-	-	2,281	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	234,782	26,722	66,744	10	-	25,619	74,403	17,558	13,157	22,373	15
Cuba	1,482	27	2,155	2,136	47	211	187	-	-	1	-
EEC	79,054	70	37,162	827	5	381	2,507	424	258	7,964	703
Denmark (G&M)	24,220	-	1,098	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Fed. Rep. Germany	19,791	21	30,200	685	-	369	2,357	320	-	1,345	693
France	31,905	49	2,576	46	-	12	147	104	257	6,110	-
Ireland	192	-	2,663	11	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Italy	33	-	-	85	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
UK	2,913	-	625	-	-	-	3	-	-	509	-
Faroe Islands	14,206	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,357	-
German Dem. Rep.	4,301	-	1,449	-	-	24	41	203	-	2,528	674
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	29	1	232	57	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	2,744	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-
Poland	9,244	6	2,280	32	-	17	34	3,117	-	6,006	-
Portugal	28,141	-	1,998	-	-	-	561	-	-	177	-
Romania	24	1	312	22	8	-	-	-	-	-	7
Spain	30,903	7	399	108	14	2	334	1	1	6	-
USSR	27,289	62	31,527	86,362	5,225	268	4,010	3,250	97	8,665	16,923
USA	34,326	12,894	15,888	21,933	3,391	13,056	7,103	2,491	16,603	-	-
Total	466,525	39,790	160,190	113,768	8,715	39,579	89,180	27,044	30,116	49,089	18,322

Country	HER	MAC	BUT	ALE	ARG	CAP	SQI	SQL	PAN	Total	%
Bulgaria	-	3,110	-	-	-	3,470	3,050	8	-	11,944	0.65
Canada	229,189	20,362	-	7,695	4	13,860	31,013	18	7,563	791,087	43.32
Cuba	172	918	110	-	15	5,789	4,691	28	-	17,969	0.98
EEC	3	585	522	-	136	323	13,817	2,493	21,784	169,018	9.26
Denmark (G&M)	3	-	-	-	-	322	-	-	20,791	-	-
Fed. Rep. Germany	-	190	-	-	136	-	8,020	-	69	-	-
France	-	-	-	-	-	1	2,359	-	924	-	-
Ireland	-	-	415	-	-	-	23	250	-	-	-
Italy	-	395	107	-	-	-	4,415	2,243	-	-	-
UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faroe Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,851	28,414	1.56
German Dem. Rep.	-	7,981	-	69	-	1,014	-	9	-	18,293	1.00
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	3,394	-	-	-	3,394	0.19
Japan	1	18	1,741	-	2,115	4,828	8,021	7,834	-	24,878	1.36
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	21,499	-	-	7,503	31,802	1.74
Poland	119	17,186	280	-	-	5,300	3,595	232	-	47,448	2.60
Portugal	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	30,878	1.69
Romania	9	1,070	16	-	-	2,610	1,304	-	-	5,383	0.29
Spain	-	87	117	-	-	-	11,290	5,273	-	48,542	2.66
USSR	1,836	22,842	419	169	217	170,563	26,956	7	-	406,687	22.27
USA	50,653	1,377	1,448	6,155	-	-	1,028	856	1,025	190,227	10.42
Total	281,982	75,536	4,653	14,088	2,487	232,650	104,766	16,758	50,726	1,825,964	99.99

COD = Atlantic cod
 HAD = Haddock
 RED = Atlantic redfish
 HKS = Silver hake
 HKR = Red hake
 POK = Pollock
 PLA = American plaice

WIT = Witch flounder
 YEL = Yellowtail flounder
 GHL = Greenland halibut
 RNG = Roundnose grenadier
 HER = Atlantic herring
 MAC = Atlantic mackerel
 BUT = Atlantic butterfish

ALE = Alewife
 ARG = Argentine
 CAP = Capelin
 SQI = Short-finned squid (*Illex*)
 SQL = Long-finned squid (*Loligo*)
 PAN = Shrimps (*Pandalus* spp.)

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Preliminary Budget Forecast, 1981

1. Personal Services	
(a) Salaries	\$ 289,000
(b) Superannuation	18,000
(c) Additional help	1,000
(d) Group medical and insurance plans	5,000
(e) Contingencies	20,000
2. Travel	4,000
3. Transportation of Things	1,000
4. Communications	27,000
5. Publications	13,000
6. Other Contractual Services	32,000
7. Materials and Supplies	16,000
8. Equipment	5,000
9. Annual and Mid-Year Meetings	27,000
10. Computer Services	45,000
11. Contingencies	<u>15,000</u>
	\$ 518,000

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Proposed NAFO document series and codings

- 1) General Council reports and proposals,
including financial and administrative reports - NAFO/GC/yr./mo./doc. no.
e.g. NAFO/GC 79/VI/1 - Serial No. N001
(pink cover page)
- 2) Fisheries Commission reports and proposals
for management - NAFO/FC/yr./mo./doc. no.
e.g. NAFO/FC 79/VI/2 - Serial No. N002
(green cover page)
- 3) Scientific Council research documents
(corresponding to ICNAF research documents) - NAFO/SCR/yr./mo./doc. no.
e.g. NAFO/SCR 79/VI/3 - Serial No. N003
(yellow cover page)
- 4) Scientific Council summary documents
(corresponding to ICNAF summary documents) - NAFO/SCS/yr./mo./doc. no.
e.g. NAFO/SCS 79/VI/4 - Serial No. N004
(blue cover page)
- 5) NAFO Circular Letters
(as for ICNAF Circular Letters) - NAFO Circular Letter yr./no.
e.g. NAFO Circular Letter 79/1
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PART II(B)

REPORT

OF THE

FISHERIES COMMISSION

OF NAFO

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 1979



Northwest Atlantic



Fisheries Organization

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Report of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO

Monday, 4 June, 1745 hrs
Wednesday, 6 June, 1200 hrs
Thursday, 7 June, 0920 hrs and 1825 hrs

1. The First Annual Meeting of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO was called to order by the President of NAFO, Dr A. W. May (Canada).
2. Under Agenda Item 4, Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Commission unanimously agreed that Capt J. C. E. Cardoso (Portugal) and Mr J. Farnell (EEC) should serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO for the period 1979/80 and 1980/81. The meeting recessed at 1750 hrs, 4 June.
3. The meeting reconvened at 1200 hrs, 6 June. Calling the meeting to order, the Chairman expressed the hope that all Contracting Parties would work in a spirit of moderation and fairness, taking due account of the interests not only of fishermen from coastal states exercising jurisdiction in the Convention Area, but of all who fished there. In this way, the Fisheries Commission could build constructively on the achievements of ICNAF.
4. Under Agenda Item 2, Adoption of Agenda, the Fisheries Commission agreed that Item 10 (c) on the provisional agenda, the proposed International Observer Program, should be deleted as discussion of this item would more properly take place in the General Council and the Scientific Council. It also agreed, at the request of the delegate of the European Economic Community (EEC), that the EEC's proposals for amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement (NAFO/FC 79/VI/1, Serial No. N002) should be added to the agenda as a new Item 10 (c). The provisional agenda was adopted without further amendment (Appendix I).
5. Under Agenda Item 3, Rapporteur, Mr P. Elliott (EEC) was appointed Rapporteur.
6. Under Agenda Item 5, Review of Commission Membership, the meeting noted that the General Council had reviewed the membership of the Fisheries Commission and had found that Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, the EEC, the Faroe Islands (Denmark), the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Norway, Portugal, Romania, and the USSR were members. Iceland had expressed her wish to remain as Observer in the Fisheries Commission's meetings.
7. Under Agenda Item 6, Adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Fisheries Commission, the Commission considered draft Rules of Procedure drawn up by the Working Group on Rules of Procedure. The Chairman of the Fisheries Commission, who had also chaired the Working Group, said that the draft Rules had been re-arranged compared to those provisionally accepted at the previous meeting, but there were few changes of substance. The intention had been to make the rules as similar as possible to those of the General Council. He suggested that the Commission should, however, give particular consideration to the proposed rule which would establish a Standing Committee on Regulatory Measures. In his view, it would be useful to have such a committee in place on a contingency basis. Such a body had existed under ICNAF and had considered, *inter alia*, the criteria for allocating quotas. The delegate of Canada pointed out that the ICNAF body in question had been inactive for some time. It was difficult to see what a new standing committee would discuss and it would be preferable to establish an *ad hoc* committee if the need arose. The delegate of the EEC supported the arguments advanced by Canada, and also queried whether the Fisheries Commission should, as proposed, be required to present the annual report of its activities to the General Council. After further discussion, the Fisheries Commission agreed that it should simply be required to produce an annual report. The Commission also agreed not to establish a Standing Committee on Regulatory Measures. Subject to these and other minor changes, the Fisheries Commission agreed to adopt the Rules of Procedure at Appendix II. The Chairman recalled that the Working Group on Rules of Procedure had suggested that the Rules adopted should be subject to review after one year.
8. Under Agenda Item 7 (a), Establishment of a Standing Committee on Regulatory Measures, the Chairman observed that this matter had been dealt with under Agenda Item 6; no further action was necessary.
9. Under Agenda Item 7 (b), Establishment of a Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC), the Fisheries Commission noted that the Rules of Procedure just adopted provided for the establishment of a Standing Committee on International Control, consisting of one representative from each

member of the Fisheries Commission with a Chairman elected from among those representatives. At the suggestion of the Chairman of the Commission, Capt A. S. Gaspar (Portugal) agreed to convene a meeting to elect a Chairman of STACTIC. He subsequently reported on the membership of STACTIC, which was as follows: Bulgaria (Mr P. Kolarov), Canada (Mr L. S. Parsons), Cuba (Dr J. A. Varea), EEC (Mr J. Farnell), Faroe Islands (Mr K. Hoydal), GDR (Mr F. Hartung), Norway (Mr H. Rasmussen), Portugal (Capt A. S. Gaspar), Romania (Mr L. Popescu), and USSR (Mr A. A. Volkov). Capt Gaspar further reported that he had been elected Chairman of STACTIC.

10. Under Agenda Item 8, Adoption of Conservation Measures for Stocks of Fish for 1980, the delegate of Canada proposed that the Fisheries Commission should adopt the same total allowable catches and quota allocations for 1980 as those agreed by the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of ICNAF for the following stocks: cod, redfish, and American plaice in Div. 3M; cod in Div. 3NO; redfish in Div. 3LN; American plaice in Div. 3LNO; witch in Div. 3NO; and yellowtail in Div. 3LNO (Proc. 7, Appendix I, of the Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of ICNAF). In respect of yellowtail and American plaice in Div. 3LNO, he said that Canada could agree to the allocation of 400 tons and 700 tons, respectively, to the EEC, only on the understanding that these quantities were to be fished exclusively by fishermen from St. Pierre and Miquelon. The delegate of the EEC confirmed that the latter understanding was correct. He said that he could support the proposed total allowable catches and quota allocations in respect of all stocks, except redfish in Div. 3M. The proposed allocation in this case did not take proper account of the past catches of the EEC or of Japan and was neither fair nor in accordance with the principles previously followed by ICNAF in determining quota allocations. He had made proposals during discussions in ICNAF which would rectify the position and give the EEC a quota. These had received no support. Under the circumstances, he would not make a new proposal in the Fisheries Commission, but the EEC would consider the matter further and the possibility of a formal objection to the proposed regulation could not be ruled out.

The Fisheries Commission

agreed

that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (2) for international regulation of the fisheries in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area (Appendix III).

It further agreed to invite the Scientific Council to review the state of the cod stock in Div. 3NO at a meeting to be held in February 1980 in Portugal (by kind invitation of the Portuguese Government) and to make further recommendations for management of the stock as appropriate. The Fisheries Commission would then consider the advice of the Scientific Council at a special meeting.

The Fisheries Commission, noting that scientific advice on the management of the stocks of squid (*Illex*) in Subareas 3 and 4, and capelin in Div. 3LNO in 1980, would not be available until January 1980, agreed to defer consideration of conservation measures for those stocks until the proposed special meeting in 1980.

The delegate of the USSR asked whether statistics of catches by vessels of the EEC Member States would continue to be shown separately or would be aggregated. After some discussion, the delegate of the EEC said that, at future meetings, all quota allocations to the EEC or its Member States, whether decided by NAFO or decided in the past by ICNAF, should be aggregated as EEC quotas. The EEC would reflect on whether to report to NAFO the breakdown of catches between Member States, but considered itself under no obligation to do so. To do so would, however, be consistent with the practice followed in ICNAF of recording catches separately for certain geographical areas, such as Newfoundland or St. Pierre and Miquelon. The Chairman noted that the Commission would look forward to an EEC decision and hoped that the EEC would keep in mind that, for statistical purposes, there was a need for reporting national catches.

The delegate of the EEC drew attention to the need to provide for the possibility of quota transfers between Contracting Parties¹ in any regulations allocating quotas. Otherwise, a Contracting Party which received a quota or an increased quota by way of transfer might appear to have exceeded its allocation. Moreover, any such transfers should be reported to the Executive Secretary in advance. In discussion, it was suggested that a distinction needed to be made between genuine quota transfers and cases where a Contracting Party chartered vessels of another flag state in order to take its quota. In the case of charters, the catch should be attributed to the flag state of the chartered vessels to facilitate evaluation of technical data, but the quotas should not be formally changed. Any apparent discrepancy between catches and quotas should be explained by means of a footnote in the appropriate document. The Commission did not reach any conclusion on these issues.

¹ Discussion of this item was redrafted to reflect the Canadian view that the original drafting in the last part of paragraph 10 on page 36 of NAFO Circular Letter 79/5 was inaccurate in reporting an agreement by the Fisheries Commission to transferability of catch quotas. The Canadian views are contained in a letter of 16 August at Appendix XI.

11. Under Agenda Item 9(a), Consideration of Minimum Mesh Size for Redfish in Subareas 2 and 3, the delegate of Canada recalled that he had proposed a change in the minimum mesh size for redfish in Subareas 2 and 3 at the Annual Meeting of ICNAF in 1978. As a result of further scientific advice, however, the proposal had been withdrawn and there was no need for further discussion of this item.
12. Under Agenda Item 9(b), Consideration of Minimum Mesh Size for Squid (*Illex*) in Subareas 3 and 4, the Commission noted that ICNAF had decided that from 1 January 1980 the minimum mesh size for squid (*Illex*) in Subarea 3 should be 60 mm. Therefore, the Fisheries Commission

agreed

that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (3) for international mesh size regulation of the fishery for squid (*Illex*) in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area (Appendix IV).

13. Under Agenda Item 10, Further Consideration of Improvements to Measures of International Control and Enforcement of NAFO, the Commission agreed first to consider Sub-item 10(a), Improvements to the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement. The Chairman recalled that draft amendments to the Scheme had been adopted by the Special Meeting of ICNAF in March 1979 but had not been approved by NAFO, partly owing to lack of time. The Commission agreed that further consideration be deferred until the amendments to the Scheme proposed by the EEC (NAFO/FC 79/VI/1, Serial No. N002) had been examined by STACTIC. Under Sub-item 10(b), Actions authorized for the Executive Secretary following information on Parties having reached their quotas, the Fisheries Commission

agreed

that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (4) relating to actions to be taken by the Executive Secretary following information on Contracting Parties reaching their catch quotas (Appendix V).

Under Agenda Sub-item 10(c), EEC proposals for amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement, the Commission considered the Report of the Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) (Appendix VI) which had reviewed the EEC proposals (NAFO/FC 79/VI/1) and had recommended certain changes, and

agreed

that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (5) regarding amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement (Appendix VII).

14. Under Agenda Item 11, Adaptation of the ICNAF Conservation Measures for NAFO, the Commission agreed that a working group comprising the Executive Secretary, representatives from Canada, the EEC, and the USSR and, if possible, the Chairman of the Fisheries Commission, should review the changes necessary to current ICNAF conservation measures in order to suit them for adoption as regulations of NAFO. It was agreed that the Working Group would meet at the NAFO/ICNAF Secretariat Headquarters, 4-8 September 1979, elect its own Chairman, and present its report to the proposed Special Meeting of the Fisheries Commission in March 1980. It was further agreed that the Working Group should also examine the text of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement and make recommendations to the Fisheries Commission for improvement or simplification of the wording.
15. Under Agenda Item 12, Other Business, the Commission first considered a Canadian proposal for reporting fish on board vessels entering the Convention Area. The delegate of Canada explained that the proposal was to require the flag state of any fishing vessels entering the Convention Area to report to the Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance of entry, the estimated time and location of entry and the amount of each species of processed fish on board. The latter information would also have to be recorded in the vessel's logbook. The intention was to assist enforcement officers participating in the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement to determine how much of the catch on board a vessel had been caught in the Regulatory Area. The present proposal had advantages over previous drafts submitted to ICNAF in that it would exempt vessels based in the Convention Area from the reporting requirement, thereby reducing the number of messages to a manageable level. It would also eliminate the need for repeated reporting by vessels fishing for overlapping stocks which would frequently enter and leave the Regulatory Area. A number of delegates objected to the proposal requiring reports from vessels entering the Convention Area rather than the Regulatory Area on the grounds that this discriminated in favour of the coastal states' vessels which would be subject to less stringent control. The delegate of the USSR also raised an objection of principle against the requirement to report catches on board when entering the Regulatory Area, as this was part of the high seas. Together with the delegate of Portugal, he considered it sufficient that catches on board be properly recorded in a vessel's logbook. The delegate of Canada suggested that the reporting requirement might be limited to vessels entering Subarea 3, but this idea also failed to gain support.

Following a recess, the delegate of Canada tabled a revised version of the proposal (NAFO/FC 79/VI/3, Serial No. N005), requesting the Commission to consider adoption of a regulation to provide that each fishing vessel entering the Regulatory Area should have in its fishing logbook a record of the amount of each species of fish on board. The Fisheries Commission

agreed

that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (6) regarding the reporting of fish on board vessels entering the Regulatory Area (Appendix VIII).

16. As a further item of Other Business, the Commission addressed itself to a draft Canadian resolution relating to vessels of non-Member Countries operating in the Convention Area. Following discussion, the delegate of Canada presented a revised resolution (NAFO/FC 79/VI/4, Serial No. N006). The Commission adopted an amended Resolution Relating to Vessels of Non-Member Countries Operating in the NAFO Regulatory Area (Appendix IX).
17. Also under Other Business, the Commission considered a draft Canadian resolution relating to the transition from ICNAF to NAFO (NAFO/GC 79/VI/3, Serial No. N007). The delegate of Canada withdrew the resolution since ICNAF had adopted a similar resolution.
18. As the final item of Other Business, the Commission discussed a Canadian proposal for a resolution of the General Council of NAFO concerning the establishment of a Scientific Observer Scheme. The Commission agreed that it would be appropriate to discuss this proposal even though it would be for the General Council, having a coordinating role, to pass a resulting resolution. The delegate of Canada pointed out that the matter had, in fact, already been discussed in the General Council and the proposal before the Commission was intended to take account of comments made then. The proposal for an International Scientific Observer Program derived primarily from a recommendation of the Scientific Council. Such a program would have the aim of improving scientific knowledge of the status of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area and of fisheries operations there. The present proposal would not, however, bind any Party. In effect, it was a declaration of support for the recommendation of the Scientific Council, together with an indication of how a scientific observer program could be implemented. Implementation would be on a bilateral, voluntary basis. Moreover, the proposal was not yet in its final form as more specific advice was awaited from the Scientific Council as to the data which the scientific observers should collect. The proposal received support from the delegates of the EEC, Portugal, and the USSR, each of whom also raised a number of points of detail and of drafting. In particular, the delegate of the USSR made clear that, under USSR legislation, the master of a vessel could take instructions only from his own authorities and hence the wording of the proposal was inappropriate. The delegate of the EEC thought that the wording needed to be strengthened to obviate the risk of the proposed arrangements interfering with fishing operations.

Subsequently, the delegate of Canada introduced a revised proposal (NAFO/FC 79/VI/5, Serial No. N008) which, he explained, was intended to take account of comments made in discussion within the Fisheries Commission. Subject to a number of drafting points, this received general approval. In particular, the delegate of Cuba placed on record his country's support for the objectives of the Scientific Observer Program and pledged his country to discuss its implementation on a bilateral basis. The Commission approved the amended Resolution Concerning the Establishment of a Scientific Observer Scheme (Appendix X), and agreed to request the General Council to transmit it to all Contracting Parties and to all countries which were not Members of NAFO but whose vessels fished in the Regulatory Area, with the exception of Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela.

19. Under Agenda Item 13, Time and Place of Next Meeting, the Fisheries Commission decided to hold a special meeting in Toronto, Canada, on 4-7 March 1980.
20. Agenda Item 14, Adjournment. Before adjourning the meeting, the Chairman warmly thanked all those who had contributed to its success including the Government of Canada for its hospitality, the technical assistants, and the Secretariat. The meeting was adjourned at 1930 hrs, Thursday, 7 June. A press release summarizing the highlights of the First Annual Meeting of NAFO and of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of ICNAF is at Part II(E).

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Fisheries Commission

Agenda

1. Opening by President of NAFO, Dr A. W. May (Canada)
2. Agenda
3. Rapporteur
4. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a term of two years
5. Review of Commission Membership
6. Adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Fisheries Commission
7. Establishment of Standing Committees on
 - (a) Regulatory Measures
 - (b) International Control
8. Adoption of Conservation Measures for Stocks of Fish for 1980
 - (a) in Subarea 3 of the Regulatory Area
 - i) Div. 3M cod
 - ii) Div. 3M redfish
 - iii) Div. 3M American plaice
 - (b) overlapping national fishery limits in Subarea 3
 - i) Div. 3NO cod
 - ii) Div. 3LN redfish
 - iii) Div. 3LNO American plaice
 - iv) Div. 3NO witch
 - v) Div. 3LNO yellowtail
 - vi) Div. 3LNO capelin
 - vii) Subarea 3 and 4 squid (*Illex*)
9. Consideration of Minimum Mesh Size
 - (a) For redfish in Subareas 2 and 3, particularly in Div. 3M
 - (b) For squid (*Illex*) in Subareas 3 and 4
10. Further Consideration of Improvements to Measures of International Control and Enforcement of NAFO
 - (a) Improvements to the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement
 - (b) Actions authorized for the Executive Secretary following information on Parties having reached their catch quotas
 - (c) Amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement
11. Adaptation of the ICNAF Conservation Measures for NAFO
12. Other Business
13. Time and Place of Next Meeting
14. Adjournment

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Rules of Procedure for the Fisheries Commission of NAFO

REPRESENTATION

Rule 1

- 1.1 Each Fisheries Commission member shall notify the Executive Secretary as far as possible in advance of any meeting of the names of its representatives, alternates, experts and advisers who will attend.
- 1.2 The Fisheries Commission may invite any non-Member Government and any international organization to be represented at meetings of the Fisheries Commission or its subsidiary bodies by an observer or observers.

VOTING

Rule 2

- 2.1 Observers, experts and advisers may address plenary or subsidiary body meetings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 2.2 At meetings of the subsidiary bodies, decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes of all members of the relevant subsidiary body, present and casting affirmative or negative votes, provided that no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of all members of the relevant subsidiary body.
- 2.3 Votes shall be taken by show of hands, by roll call, in the English alphabetical order of the names of the Contracting Parties, or by ballot, as determined by the Chairman.
- 2.4 In the case of an emergency between meetings, a vote may be taken by mail or other means of communication.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Rule 3

- 3.1 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which they are elected.
- 3.2 The powers and duties of the Chairman shall be:
 - (a) to declare the opening and closing of each meeting;
 - (b) to preside at meetings;
 - (c) to rule on points of order, subject to the right of any representative to request that any ruling of the Chairman shall be submitted to the Fisheries Commission for decision by vote;
 - (d) to call for and announce the results of votes;
 - (e) to determine, after consultation with the Executive Secretary, the provisional agenda for the annual and special meetings;
 - (f) to arrange for the appointment of the members of subsidiary bodies as required;
 - (g) to sign a report of the proceedings of each meeting of the Fisheries Commission, for transmission to Contracting Parties, their representatives and others concerned; and
 - (h) generally, to make such decisions and give such directions to the Executive Secretary as will ensure, especially in the interval between meetings, that the business of the Fisheries Commission is carried out efficiently and in accordance with its decisions.
- 3.3 Whenever the Chairman is unable to act, the Vice-Chairman shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman.
- 3.4 If the office of the Chairman is vacated, the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the balance of the term.
- 3.5 The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall not vote and another representative of his delegation shall exercise this function.
- 3.6 If the offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are vacated, the Chairman of the Standing

Committee on International Control shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman, and the first order of business at the next meeting shall be the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the balance of the term.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 4

- 4.1 A provisional agenda for each annual or special meeting of the Fisheries Commission, or any of its subsidiary bodies, shall be prepared by the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the instructions from the Chairman, or the Chairman of the relevant subsidiary body, and be dispatched by the Executive Secretary to all Contracting Parties, their representatives, and invited observers, not less than 60 days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting.
- 4.2 Except as provided in paragraph 4.3, no order of business shall be the subject of a decision, unless the subject matter has been included in the provisional agenda and explained in a memorandum, circulated by the Executive Secretary to all the representatives of the members, together with the corresponding provisional agenda.
- 4.3 The Fisheries Commission, by a majority of the votes of all members present and casting affirmative or negative votes, may take decisions involving amendment of these Rules of Procedure, provided that no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of the members.

COMMITTEES

Rule 5

- 5.1 There shall be a Standing Committee on International Control which shall:
 - (a) review the results of national and international measures of control;
 - (b) develop inspection methodologies;
 - (c) consider the practical problems of international measures of control;
 - (d) review reports of inspections and violations;
 - (e) promote exchanges and cooperative efforts of inspectors in international inspection; and
 - (f) make appropriate recommendations to the Fisheries Commission.
- 5.2 The Committee shall consist of representatives, one from each Commission member, who may be assisted by experts and advisers and shall elect, from among those representatives, to serve for two years, its own Chairman, who shall be allowed a vote. The Executive Secretary shall be an *ex officio* member, without vote.
- 5.3 The Fisheries Commission may establish such other subsidiary bodies as required.
- 5.4 Except as provided in these Rules, each subsidiary body shall establish its own Rules of Procedure.

SECRETARIAT

Rule 6

- 6.1 The Fisheries Commission and its subsidiary bodies shall, in the exercise of their functions and duties, use the services of the Secretariat.
- 6.2 The Executive Secretary shall prepare and transmit the provisional agendas in accordance with Rule 4.1.
- 6.3 The Executive Secretary shall receive the credentials of representatives and observers at annual and special meetings and report thereon to the Fisheries Commission as required.

LANGUAGE

Rule 7

English shall be the official and working language of the Fisheries Commission and its subsidiary bodies but, if desired, any other language may be used, on condition that persons doing so will provide interpreters. All official publications and communications of the Fisheries Commission shall be in English.

RECORDS AND REPORTS

Rule 8

- 8.1 Summary records of each plenary and other session shall be drafted and distributed as soon as possible to the participants by the Executive Secretary.
- 8.2 Summary minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of all subsidiary bodies shall be furnished to the Fisheries Commission by the Executive Secretary.
- 8.3 Summary records, reports, resolutions, proposals and other formal decisions adopted shall be transmitted as soon as possible after each meeting to the Fisheries Commission members, their representatives, and observers, by the Executive Secretary.
- 8.4 The Fisheries Commission shall prepare an annual report of its activities.

FINANCIAL

Rule 9

The Fisheries Commission shall not incur any expenditure except in accordance with a budget approved by the General Council.

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- (2) Proposal for International Quota Regulation of the Fisheries in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

That Contracting Parties conduct their fisheries in the Regulatory Area in such a manner that catches shall not exceed the total allowable catch for each stock and the quotas for each stock set out in the attached Table, except that in the cod stock in Divisions 3N and 30 the following shall apply:

- i) that Contracting Parties shall take appropriate action to prohibit persons under their jurisdiction from conducting directed fisheries for cod in Divisions 3N and 30 in 1980;
- ii) that any vessel of a Contracting Party which conducts fishing operations, pursuant to the quota of that Contracting Party set out in the attached Table, may retain any incidental catch of cod in Divisions 3N and 30 provided that the amount of cod caught and retained in Divisions 3N and 30 does not exceed the greater of 2,500 kg and 10% of the total weight on the vessel of all species caught in Divisions 3N and 30.

Table - Integral Part of Proposal (2) for the International Quota Regulation of the Fisheries in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979. Total allowable catches and quotas (metric tons) for 1980 of particular stocks or species in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area.

Country	COD		REDFISH		AMERICAN PLAICE		YELLOWTAIL	WITCH	CAPELIN	SQUID (Illex)
	3M ¹	3NO	3M	3LN	3M	3LNO				
Canada ²	100		5,500	12,900	250	46,200	17,500	4,900	3LNO	3 + 4
Cuba ²	480		1,550	1,600	-	-	-	-		
European Economic Community	2,405		-	-	-	700	400	-		
Faroe Islands (Denmark)	1,775		-	-	-	-	-	-		
German Democratic Republic ²	-		-	600	-	-	-	-		
Norway ²	500		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Portugal ²	2,590		600	600	250	-	-	-		
USSR ²	1,270		10,350	9,200	1,000	-	-	2,030		
Others ²	100		2,000	100	500	100	100	70		
Reserved for Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries which are non-Members of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization:										
Poland	500		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Spain	560		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	10,280	0	20,000	25,000	2,000	47,000	18,000	7,000		

¹ Allowable catch of cod in Division 3M by Contracting Parties are for the period 1 January-30 April 1980 only.

² The amount(s) allocated to this Party and to "Others" include(s) the amount(s) allocated for quota regulation of the same stock in the proposal adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries in Plenary Session on 5 June 1979.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

- (3) Proposal for International Mesh Size Regulation of the Fishery for Squid (*Illex*) in the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

That, with effect from 1 January 1980:

1. Contracting Parties take appropriate action to prohibit the taking of squid, *Illex illecebrosus*, in the Regulatory Area by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having in any part of the net, meshes of dimensions of less than 60 millimeters or 2-3/8 inches as measured by the ICNAF gauge. These mesh sizes relate to netting when measured wet after use irrespective of material, or the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use.
2. Contracting Parties prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph 3, which would obstruct the meshes of the nets or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the nets, provided that strengthening ropes may be attached to the codend in such a manner that they will not obstruct the meshes of the codend.
3. Contracting Parties permit any canvas, netting, or other material to be attached to the underside of the codend of a net to reduce and prevent damage.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

- (4) Proposal Relating to Actions to be Taken by the Executive Secretary Following Information on Contracting Parties Reaching their Catch Quotas, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

When information satisfactory to the Executive Secretary indicates that there are reasonable grounds for believing that a quota of a Contracting Party has been taken, he shall immediately inform that Contracting Party. If, within 15 days, no action is taken by that Contracting Party, nor satisfactory information given that the quota has not been taken, the Executive Secretary shall so report to the Fisheries Commission.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Report of Meeting of the Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC)
of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO

Thursday, 7 June, 1130 hrs

1. The meeting opened with the following Contracting Parties present: Canada, Cuba, the European Economic Community (EEC), the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Romania, and the USSR.
2. Capt A. S. Gaspar (Portugal) chaired the meeting with Mr P. H. Sutherland (Canada) acting as Rapporteur.
3. The purpose of the meeting was to review the EEC proposals for amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement (Annex 1). The delegate of the EEC explained that the reasons for proposing amendments to the present Scheme were twofold: namely, to make the wording more understandable, and more in keeping with the wording of the NAFO Convention. The EEC proposals were examined paragraph by paragraph and, with some additional changes recommended by various Contracting Parties, it was agreed that the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement should be amended as reflected in Appendix VII. STACTIC encountered some difficulty with respect to the vessel registration documents mentioned in paragraph 5(v)(d) of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement. If these documents simply refer to the national registration documents, then the wording "for the area where the vessel is found fishing" was considered unnecessary. If, on the other hand, this section refers to some other registration documentation, then clarification is necessary.
4. Capt A. S. Gaspar (Portugal) was unanimously elected Chairman of STACTIC for the period 1979/80 and 1980/81.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 1330 hrs, 7 June 1979.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

European Economic Community (EEC) proposals for amendments to the
NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement

During the meeting of STACTIC in March 1979, the EEC delegation declared that certain technical amendments would have to be made to the NAFO version of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement as agreed by ICNAF in order to take account of the fact that the Community was a Contracting Party to NAFO.

Please find below the text proposed by the EEC for those paragraphs of the Scheme which, in their view, would have to be amended. Proposed new language is underlined, and deleted language indicated by brackets for ease of comparison.

Paragraph 1.

Control shall be carried out by inspectors of the fishery control services of Contracting Parties. The names of the inspectors appointed for that purpose by the appropriate authority of the respective Parties shall be notified to the Commission. Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall also notify the Commission of the names of the authorities designated to receive immediate notice of infringements and the means by which they may receive and respond to radio communications. Each Contracting Party which has, at any time, more than 15 vessels under its regulatory powers or under charter or contract to persons under its jurisdiction, engaged in fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish in the Regulatory Area shall, during that time, have an inspector or other designated authority present in the Regulatory Area (and Statistical Areas 0 and 6), or other designated authority present in a country (of a Contracting Government which is) adjacent to the Convention Area, to receive and respond, without delay, to notice of apparent infringements.

Paragraph 3.

Each inspector shall carry a document of identity supplied by his authorities in a form approved by the Commission and given him on appointment stating that he has the authority to act under the Scheme approved by the Commission. The document shall be produced by the inspector upon boarding a vessel under this Scheme.

Paragraph 4.

- (v) The master shall enable the inspector to examine and photograph catch, nets, or other gear and any relevant documents as the inspector deems necessary to verify the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to (the flag state of) the vessel concerned.
- (vii) Contracting Parties shall be required to inform the Executive Secretary when an inspection vessel of that Contracting Party ⁽¹⁾ is in the Regulatory Area.

Paragraph 5.

- (i) Inspections shall be made so that the vessel suffers the minimum interference and inconvenience. The inspector shall limit his inquiries to the ascertainment of the facts in relation to the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to (the flag state² of) the vessel concerned. In making his examination, the inspector may ask the master for any assistance he may require. He shall draw up a report of the inspection on a form approved by the Commission. The inspector shall sign the report in the presence of the master who shall be entitled to add or have added to the report any observations which he may think suitable. The master must sign such observations, and he must sign the report without prejudice to future proceedings.

A copy of the report shall be given to the master of the vessel and the original shall be transmitted, within 30 days whenever possible, to the appropriate authority of the Contracting

⁽¹⁾ In the case of the European Economic Community, the term "inspection vessel of that Contracting Party" shall mean an inspection vessel of one of the Member States of the European Economic Community.

Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel. A copy shall be forwarded to the Commission.

- (v) Where an inspecting officer observes an apparent infringement of the regulations prohibiting:
- a) Fishing in a closed area or with gear prohibited in a specific area;
 - b) Fishing for stocks or species in a region after the date on which the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel has notified the Executive Secretary that vessels under its regulatory powers will cease a directed fishing for those stocks or species;
 - c) Fishing in an "Others" quota without prior notification to the NAFO Secretariat, or more than 10 days after the "Others" quota, for that stock or species has been taken and Contracting Parties have been so informed by the Executive Secretary; and
 - d) Fishing without proper Contracting Party registration documents; (for the area where the vessel is found fishing;)

the inspector shall, with a view toward facilitating Contracting Party action on the apparent infringement, immediately attempt to communicate with an inspector of the inspected vessel's flag state known to be in the vicinity, or the authority designated in accordance with paragraph 1 above by the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel. The master of the inspected vessel shall arrange for messages to be sent and received by using his radio equipment and operator for this purpose. At the request of the inspector, a master shall cease all fishing which appears to the inspector to be in contravention of regulations cited above. During this time, the inspector shall complete the inspection and, if he is unable to communicate with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel within a reasonable period of time, he shall leave the inspected vessel and communicate as soon as possible with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel. However, if he succeeds in establishing communications while on board the inspected vessel, and provided that the inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel agrees, the inspector may remain aboard. So long as the inspector remains aboard, the master may not resume fishing until the inspector is reasonably satisfied either with the action taken by the vessel's master, or as a result of his communication with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel, that the vessel will not repeat the apparent infringement for which it has been cited.

- (vi) The inspector may request that the master remove any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been used in contravention of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to (the flag state of) the vessel concerned. An identification mark approved by the Commission shall be affixed to any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been so used, whether removed or not, and the inspector shall record these facts on his report. The mark shall be so affixed as to ensure that this part of the gear will be preserved with the mark attached, and it shall be so preserved until it has been viewed by an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel who shall determine the subsequent disposition of the gear.
- (vii) The inspector may photograph the fishing gear in such a way that the identification mark and measurements of the fishing gear are visible, in which case the subjects photographed should be listed in the report and copies of the photographs should be attached to the copy of the report to the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel.

Paragraph 6.

Appropriate authorities of a Contracting Party notified of an apparent infringement committed by a vessel over which it exercises regulatory powers shall take prompt action to receive and consider the evidence of the alleged infringement, conduct any further investigation necessary for disposition of the alleged infringement, and whenever possible, board the vessel involved. Appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the vessels concerned shall cooperate fully with appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party having designated the inspector to ensure that the evidence of the alleged infringement is prepared and preserved in a form which will facilitate judicial action on it.

Paragraph 7.

An inspector observing a failure of a vessel to enable an inspection party to board after being properly signalled shall:

- (1) Report the apparent infringement as soon as possible to any inspector of the flag state known to be in the vicinity or a designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the vessel concerned;

- (ii) Prepare a report giving as much information as possible, including the distance from which the signal was given, the visibility at the time, sea state, wind and icing conditions.

Paragraph 10.

Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall consider and act on reports of foreign inspectors under this Scheme on the same basis as reports of national inspectors. The provisions of this paragraph shall not impose any obligation on the appropriate authorities of a Contracting Party to give the report of a foreign inspector a higher evidential value than it would possess in the inspector's own country. Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall collaborate in order to facilitate judicial or other proceedings arising from a report of an inspector under this Scheme.

Paragraph 11.

- (i) Appropriate authorities of the Contracting Parties shall inform the Commission by 1 March each year of the provisional plans for participation in these arrangements in that and the following year and the Commission may make suggestions to the appropriate authorities of the Contracting Parties for the coordination of their operations in this field including the number of inspectors and the number of ships carrying inspectors.
- (ii) The arrangements set out in this regulation and the plans for participation shall apply between Contracting Parties unless otherwise agreed between them; and such agreements shall be notified to the Commission:

Provided, however, that implementation of the Scheme shall be suspended between any two Contracting Parties for no more than one year, if either of them has notified the Commission to that effect, pending completion of an agreement.

Paragraph 12.

Appropriate authorities of each Contracting Party shall report to the Commission by 1 March each year for the previous year:

- (i) Compilation of the inspections of the vessels over which they exercise regulatory powers by any authorized NAFO inspectors. This report shall refer specifically to each inspection by vessel name, date, position, and the nature of any alleged infringement.
- (ii) The status of disposition of each alleged infringement by a vessel over which they exercise regulatory powers. Each alleged infringement shall be listed annually until the action taken is final under the laws of the flag state. Any punishment imposed shall be described in specific terms, including the amount of any monetary penalty actually paid and the length of any imprisonment actually served.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

- (5) Proposal for Amendment of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement of the Fishery Regulations in the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

That, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article XI of the Convention in the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement effective under Article XXIII, paragraphs 1, 3, 4 (v) and (vii), 5 (i), (v), (vi) and (vii), 6, 7 (i) and (ii), 10, 11 (i) and (ii), and 12 (i) and (ii), be replaced by the following:

"1. Control shall be carried out by inspectors of the fishery control services of Contracting Parties. The names of the inspectors appointed for that purpose by the appropriate authority of the respective Parties shall be notified to the Fisheries Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall also notify the Commission of the names of the authorities designated to receive immediate notice of infringements and the means by which they may receive and respond to radio communications. Each Contracting Party which has, at any time, more than 15 vessels under its fisheries jurisdiction or under charter or contract to persons under its jurisdiction, engaged in fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish in the Regulatory Area shall, during that time, have an inspector or other designated authority present in the Regulatory Area, or other designated authority present in a country of a Contracting Party adjacent to the Convention Area, to receive and respond, without delay, to notice of apparent infringements."

"3. Each inspector shall carry a document of identity supplied by the appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party in a form approved by the Commission and given him on appointment stating that he has the authority to act under the Scheme approved by the Commission. The document shall be produced by the inspector upon boarding a vessel under this Scheme."

"4. (v) The master shall enable the inspector to examine and photograph catch, nets, or other gear and any relevant documents as the inspector deems necessary to verify the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to the vessel concerned.

(vii) Contracting Parties shall be required to inform the Executive Secretary when an inspection vessel of that Contracting Party¹ is operating in the Regulatory Area."

"5. (i) Inspections shall be made so that the vessel suffers the minimum interference and inconvenience. The inspector shall limit his inquiries to the ascertainment of the facts in relation to the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to the vessel concerned. In making his examination, the inspector may ask the master for any assistance he may require. He shall draw up a report of the inspection on a form approved by the Commission. The inspector shall sign the report in the presence of the master who shall be entitled to add or have added to the report any observations which he may think suitable. The master must sign such observations, and he must sign the report without prejudice to future proceedings.

A copy of the report shall be given to the master of the vessel and the original shall be transmitted, within 30 days whenever possible, to an appropriate authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel. A copy shall be forwarded to the Commission.

(v) Where an inspecting officer observes an apparent infringement of the regulations prohibiting:

(a) fishing in a closed area or with gear prohibited in a specific area;

(b) fishing for stocks or species in a region after the date on which the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel has notified the Executive Secretary that vessels under its fisheries jurisdiction will cease a directed fishery for those stocks or species;

(c) fishing in an "Others" quota without prior notification to the NAFO Secretariat, or more than 10 days after the "Others" quota for that stock or species has been

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taken and Contracting Parties have been so informed by the Executive Secretary;
and

- (d) fishing without proper flag state registration documents for the area where the vessel is found fishing;

the inspector shall, with a view toward facilitating Contracting Party action on the apparent infringement, immediately attempt to communicate with an inspector of the inspected vessel's flag state known to be in the vicinity, or the authority designated in accordance with paragraph 1 above by the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel. The master of the inspected vessel shall arrange for messages to be sent and received by using his radio equipment and operator for this purpose. At the request of the inspector, a master shall cease all fishing which appears to the inspector to be in contravention of regulations cited above. During this time, the inspector shall complete the inspection and, if he is unable to communicate with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel within a reasonable period of time, he shall leave the inspected vessel and communicate as soon as possible with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel. However, if he succeeds in establishing communications while on board the inspected vessel, and provided that the inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel agrees, the inspector may remain aboard. So long as the inspector remains aboard, the master may not resume fishing until the inspector is reasonably satisfied either with the action taken by the vessel's master, or as a result of his communication with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel, that the vessel will not repeat the apparent infringement for which it has been cited.

- (vi) The inspector may request that the master remove any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been used in contravention of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to the vessel concerned. An identification mark approved by the Commission shall be affixed to any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been so used, whether removed or not, and the inspector shall record these facts on his report. The mark shall be so affixed as to ensure that this part of the gear will be preserved with the mark attached, and it shall be so preserved until it has been viewed by an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel who shall determine the subsequent disposition of the gear.
- (vii) The inspector may photograph the fishing gear in such a way that the identification mark and measurements of the fishing gear are visible, in which case the subjects photographed should be listed in the report and copies of the photographs should be attached to the copy of the report to the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel."

"6. Appropriate authorities of a Contracting Party notified of an apparent infringement committed by a vessel over which it exercises fisheries jurisdiction shall take prompt action to receive and consider the evidence of the alleged infringement, conduct any further investigation necessary for disposition of the alleged infringement and, whenever possible, board the vessel involved. Appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the vessels concerned shall cooperate fully with appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party having designated the inspector to ensure that the evidence of the alleged infringements is prepared and preserved in a form which will facilitate judicial action on it."

"7. An inspector observing a failure of a vessel to enable an inspection party to board after being properly signalled shall:

- (i) report the apparent infringement as soon as possible to any inspector of the flag state known to be in the vicinity or a designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the vessel concerned;
- (ii) prepare a report giving as much information as possible, including the distance from which the signal was given, the visibility at the time, sea state, wind and icing conditions."

"10. Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall consider and act on reports of inspectors of other Contracting Parties under this Scheme on the same basis as reports of their own inspectors. The provisions of this paragraph shall not impose any obligation on the appropriate authorities of a Contracting Party to give the report of a foreign inspector a higher evidential

value than it would possess in the inspector's own country. Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall collaborate in order to facilitate judicial or other proceedings arising from a report of an inspector under this Scheme."

"11. (i) Appropriate authorities of the Contracting Parties shall inform the Commission by 1 March each year of the provisional plans for participation in these arrangements in that and the following year and the Commission may make suggestions to the appropriate authorities of the Contracting Parties for the coordination of their operations in this field including the number of inspectors and the number of ships carrying inspectors.

(ii) The arrangements set out in this regulation and the plans for participation shall apply between Contracting Parties unless otherwise agreed between them; and such agreements shall be notified to the Commission:

Provided, however, that implementation of the Scheme shall be suspended between any two Contracting Parties for no more than one year, if either of them has notified the Commission to that effect, pending completion of an agreement."

"12. Appropriate authorities of each Contracting Party shall report to the Commission by 1 March each year for the previous year:

(i) Compilation of the inspections of the vessels over which they exercise fisheries jurisdiction by an authorized NAFO inspector. This report shall refer specifically to each inspection by vessel name, date, position, and the nature of any alleged infringement.

(ii) The status of disposition of each alleged infringement by a vessel over which they exercise fisheries jurisdiction. Each alleged infringement shall be listed annually until the action is final under the laws of the flag state. Any punishment imposed shall be described in specific terms, including the amount of any monetary penalty actually paid and the length of any imprisonment actually served."

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- (6) Proposal Regarding the Reporting of Fish on Board Vessels Entering the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

That, in order to provide better control of quota compliance, each vessel with fish on board entering the Regulatory Area shall have in its fishing log a record of the amount of each species of fish.

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- (2) Resolution Relating to Vessels of Non-Member Countries Operating in the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

The Fisheries Commission

Noting that, in 1978 and 1979, vessels flying the flags of Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico have fished in the Regulatory Area,

Noting that Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico are not Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, and that the vessels in question have operated outside the conservation regime established by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization,

Noting that the fish stocks of the Regulatory Area are, at present, being fully utilized by Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization,

Noting, in consequence, that fishing by states which are not Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization represents a serious threat to conservation in the Regulatory Area,

Noting that the vessels in question have links with Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization and, in particular, that at least some of these vessels are owned either wholly or in part by fishing interests in Member Countries, and that at least some of the catch of these vessels is landed in Member Countries,

- Resolves: (1) that all Members of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization be called upon to take all practicable steps to prevent arrangements between their nationals and vessels flying the flags of States which are not Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, where such arrangements involve fishing by such vessels in the Regulatory Area, and
- (2) that the President of the Organization be requested to inform Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela of the difficulties created by fishing vessels flying their flags with regard to the conservation of the stocks of the Regulatory Area.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

- (3) Resolution Concerning the Establishment of a Scientific Observer Scheme, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

The Fisheries Commission,

Noting the adoption by the Scientific Council of a report supporting the establishment of an international scientific observer program with respect to fisheries in the Convention Area,

Considering that it would be desirable to improve scientific knowledge of the status of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area, through the establishment of an international scientific observer program,

Hereby Resolves that Parties whose vessels have been conducting fisheries in the Regulatory Area, within the framework established by multilateral fisheries conventions applicable to this Area, be called upon to develop an international scientific observer program, commencing in 1979, on a voluntary basis. The following guidelines are recommended for the establishment of such a program through bilateral discussions:

1. Parties interested in participating in this program would develop mutually satisfactory arrangements on a bilateral basis in order to facilitate the implementation of this program.
2. At the request of the authorities of a Party participating in this program, in accordance with logistic arrangements made on a bilateral basis, the participating Party to which the request is addressed would arrange to have vessels under its jurisdiction that have been identified in these arrangements, and are operating in the Regulatory Area, accept on board scientific observers designated by the requesting Party.
3. Transportation of scientific observers to and from fishing vessels will be the responsibility of the observers' authorities, and may be effected by their inspection vessels designated under the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Schemes of Joint International Enforcement, or directly between fishing vessels. Arrangements, including those concerning the transportation and boarding of observers, shall be organized so as to minimize interference with fishing operations, and, for example, in no case shall a fishing vessel be obliged to change its course pursuant to this program. Arrangements will be made for messages to be sent and received on behalf of the observer using the vessel's radio equipment and operator. Any expenses involved in such communication will be borne by the observers' authorities.
4. The masters of fishing vessels receiving scientific observers will ensure that such observers are granted full cooperation upon boarding, including accommodation and meals.
5. Scientific observers participating in the program will carry insurance satisfactory to the Parties concerned, either at their own expense, or as provided by their own authorities.
6. The participating Parties will establish, on a bilateral basis, the terms of reference for the scientific observers placed on board vessels pursuant to bilateral arrangements. The scientific observers will provide to the relevant masters, a copy of such records prepared by the observers, that the masters wish to retain.
7. The scientific observers will submit at the first opportunity, through their authorities to the authorities of the relevant fishing vessels, a copy of all scientific data records.

NOTE: The Fisheries Commission requests that the General Council transmit this Resolution to Parties to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries which are not Parties to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

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Canadian views on transferability of catch quotas



Government of Canada Gouvernement du Canada

Fisheries and Oceans Pêches et Océans

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence

Ottawa, Ontario
August 16, 1979

TO: ICNAF AND NAFO Commissioners

My dear colleague:

The Canadian authorities have reviewed the draft record of discussions held at the ICNAF/NAFO meeting in Halifax May 30 - June 7 concerning the transfer of quotas between Parties.

With regard to Part II - Report of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO, page 36 paragraph 10, the Canadian authorities consider that the record is inaccurate in noting agreement by the Commission to transferability of quotas without Commission approval, and does not consider a decision was taken on this question. I have brought this matter to the attention of the Executive Secretary in order to ensure that the final record is accurate.

In the period following the Commission meeting further consideration has been given to the question of transferability bearing in mind the views expressed at the meeting. It is the Canadian view that, in the absence of Commission agreement to free transferability of allocations, duly incorporated in the regulations, the situation is as follows:

1. In the case of stocks lying entirely outside national jurisdiction, i.e., in Division 3M, a new or amended regulation by ICNAF and/or NAFO, as appropriate, is required for any transfer of allocation as no party to ICNAF or NAFO can exceed the quota assigned to that party under the relevant binding regulation.

2. In the case of a stock which occurs partly inside and partly outside national jurisdiction, increases in individual national catches may be made by the coastal state from its own quota by direct transfers or through cooperative arrangements, including charters, without a change to the relevant ICNAF or NAFO regulation. However, if the coastal state increases the allowable catch of another Party within the area under the coastal state's fisheries jurisdiction, that Party cannot fish for any part of its quota of that stock in the area outside national fisheries jurisdiction without obtaining a change in the relevant ICNAF/NAFO regulation. This is because Parties are obligated, under the terms of the ICNAF/NAFO regulations, to "conduct their fisheries outside areas under national fisheries jurisdiction in such a manner that catches shall not exceed the national quotas for each stock....."

3. Catch and effort statistics should, in all cases, be reported on a flag basis i.e., the flag authorities should report in full the catch and effort by their vessels in the ICNAF/NAFO Convention areas, regardless of whether catches are made pursuant to national quotas established by ICNAF or NAFO, increased allowable national catches within an area under coastal state jurisdiction, or under cooperative arrangements with a coastal state. However, for the purpose of clarity, catches made under cooperative arrangements with a coastal state should be noted separately from catches taken in fishing for national allocations.

I am providing a copy of this letter to the Executive Secretary with the request that there be a footnote in the amended record referring to this letter, which should be incorporated as an annex to the record.

Yours sincerely,



A.W. May
Canadian Commissioner

PART II(C)

REPORT

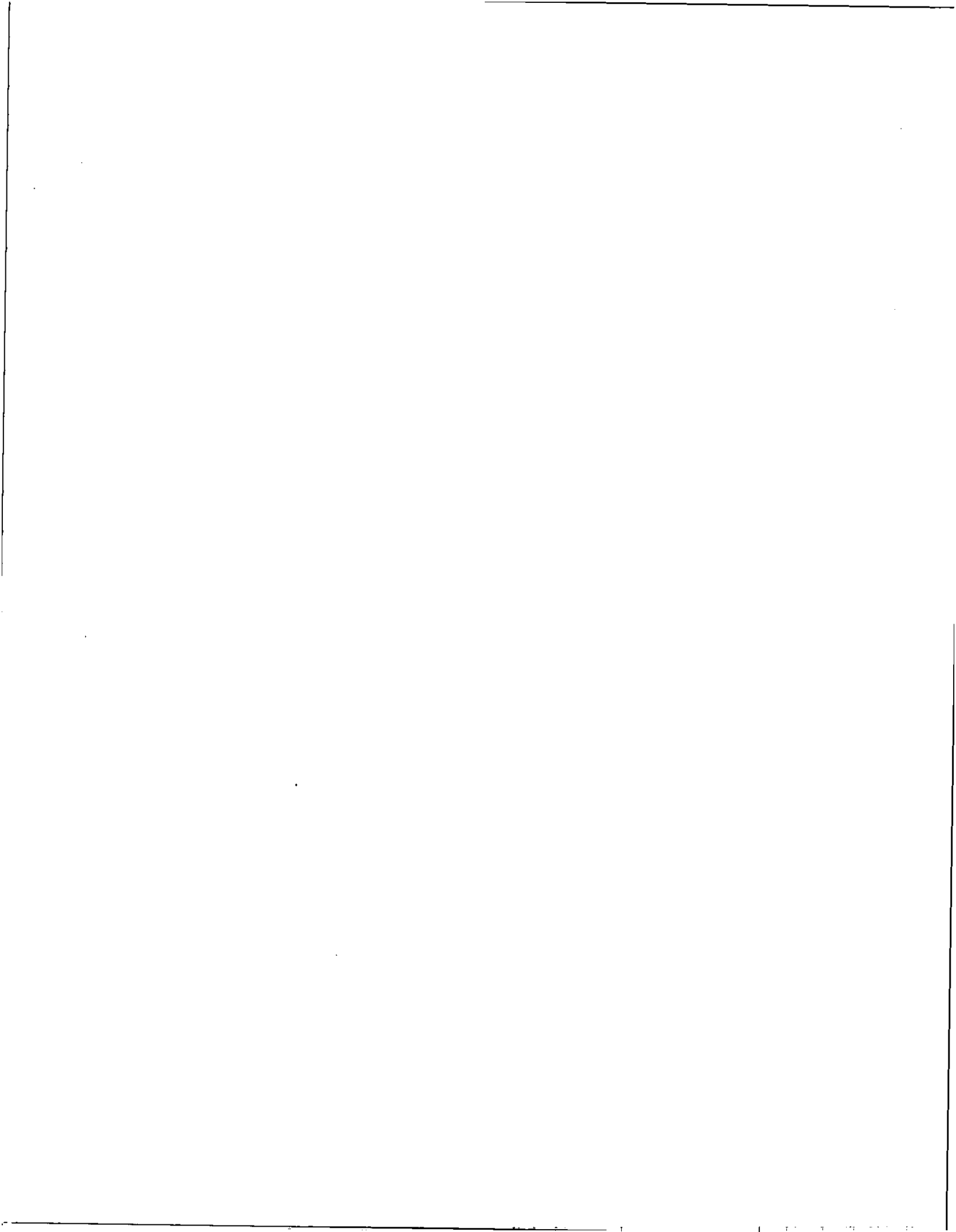
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Report of the Scientific Council of NAFO

Tuesday, 5 June, 1100 hrs and 1430 hrs
Thursday, 7 June, 0900 hrs and 1330 hrs

1. Opening. The First Annual Meeting of the Scientific Council was called to order on Tuesday, 5 June, at 1100 hrs, by the President of NAFO, Dr A. W. May (Canada), who welcomed delegates, advisers, and observers and requested that consideration be given Agenda Item 5 (Election of Officers).
2. Election of Officers. A call for nominations resulted in Mr R. H. Letaconnoux (EEC) being unanimously elected as Chairman and Dr R. G. Halliday (Canada) as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing two-year term. The meeting recessed at 1130 hrs.
3. Adoption of Agenda. The meeting reconvened at 1430 hrs with Mr Letaconnoux in the chair and the provisional agenda was adopted without amendment (Appendix I).
4. Rapporteur. The Assistant Executive Secretary was appointed Rapporteur.
5. Membership. A review of membership of the Scientific Council indicated that representatives were present from Bulgaria, Canada, the European Economic Community (EEC), the Faroe Islands (Denmark), the German Democratic Republic (GDR), and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The Chairman welcomed the observers from Japan, Poland, and Spain.
6. Establishment of Committees. The Chairman noted that Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Council of NAFO (adopted at the Inaugural Meeting of the Scientific Council in March 1979) referred to the establishment of the various standing committees of the Scientific Council, and indicated that the chairmen will be elected to serve for two years.
 - (a) Standing Committee on Fisheries Science (STACFIS)

Dr G. H. Winters (Canada) was unanimously elected as Chairman. This Committee is expected to meet in early 1980 to provide scientific advice on some stocks.
 - (b) Standing Committee on Research Coordination (STACREC)

Dr A. S. Seliverstov (USSR) was unanimously elected as Chairman. This Committee is expected to meet for the first time at the 1980 Annual Meeting.
 - (c) Standing Committee on Publications (STACPUB)

In accordance with the Scientific Council's Rule of Procedure 3.1 (c), the Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Council, Dr R. G. Halliday (Canada), was confirmed as Chairman, and the following five members were appointed for two years: Mr P. Kolarov (Bulgaria), Dr J. Messtorff (EEC), Mr J. P. Minet (EEC), Mr A. T. Pinhorn (Canada), and Dr V. A. Rikhter (USSR).
 - (d) Executive Committee

In accordance with the Scientific Council's Rule of Procedure 3.2, the following were confirmed as members of the Executive Committee: Chairman of the Scientific Council, Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Council, Chairman of STACFIS, Chairman of STACREC, Chairman of STACPUB, and the Executive Secretary of NAFO:
7. Matters Relevant to Fisheries Science
 - (a) The Scientific Council noted its unanimous decision in March 1979 to consider the Report of the Assessments Subcommittee of ICNAF as the basis for advice expected of the Council at its June 1979 Meeting. Accordingly, the Scientific Council, in a joint meeting with ICNAF's STACRES during 22-25 May 1979 (Annex 2), adopted the Report of the Assessments Subcommittee as the basis for its scientific advice on the management of stocks in 1980 (ICNAF Sum. Doc. 79/VI/11, Serial No. 5419).

1980 have not yet been received, a mid-term meeting of STACFIS would likely be necessary early in 1980 to review the status of shrimp in Subareas 0 and 1, capelin in Subareas 2 and 3, squid (*Illex*) in Subareas 3 and 4, silver hake in Div. 4VWX, and the cod stocks in Div. 3M and 3NO. It was agreed that, if such a meeting was desired, STACFIS would require 7-8 days to complete its work. It was further agreed that, in order to have available the most complete research and statistical information possible, the meeting should be held no earlier than 5 February 1980 and preferably at a site where adequate computing and printing facilities are available (e.g. NAFO Headquarters). It was noted that this matter will require further consideration under Agenda Item 12.

- (c) The Scientific Council took note of NAFO/FC 79/VI/2 regarding the stock assessment of cod in Div. 3M and agreed to refer the matter to STACFIS for consideration at the next meeting when the status of this stock is reviewed.
- (d) The Scientific Council, after noting the concern of STACRES that the time available for its meetings often did not allow consideration of many research documents which were not directly related to stock assessments, indicated that one of its basic functions was to provide a forum for scientific discussion on matters related to the fisheries of the Convention Area, and requested the Executive Committee to consider this matter in the future scheduling of Annual Meetings.

8. Matters Relevant to Research Coordination

- (a) The Scientific Council, in a joint meeting with ICNAF's STACRES during 22-26 May 1979, approved the provisional report of STACRES and the reports of its Subcommittees (Appendix II). The final report of STACRES (ICNAF Proceedings No. 1 with Addendum, Serial No. 5491; also ICNAF Redbook 1979, Part C) was noted, with particular reference to assessments, biological surveys, environmental research, statistics and sampling, ageing techniques and validation studies, gear and selectivity studies, and other matters, including the international observer program, and the views of STACRES, including all recommendations, were adopted by the Scientific Council as the basis for its research and statistical activities during 1979/80.
- (b) The Scientific Council noted that the General Council had adopted a proposal to amend Annex III of the Convention relating to the adjustment of boundaries between Subareas 0 and 1 (this volume, page 71), in accordance with the Resolution of the Scientific Council at the Inaugural Meeting in March 1979 (this volume, pages 41 and 42, paragraph 8(a)). The Assistant Executive Secretary indicated that the CWP Secretary will be informed of the change in boundary lines so that the necessary adjustments can be made in the maps which are appended to the Notes for Completion of STATLANT 21A and 21B forms.

9. Publications

The Scientific Council reviewed the Report of the Standing Committee on Publications (STAC PUB) (Appendix III) and agreed unanimously to adopt the Report without amendment.

10. Collaboration with Other Organizations

- (a) The Scientific Council noted the suggestion of ICNAF's Assessments Subcommittee that, since the spawning areas of the redfish stock in Subarea 1 are not inside the Convention Area but at East Greenland and in the Irminger Sea, studies of the stock and fisheries in these overlapping areas should be considered in cooperation with ICES. The Secretariat was requested to approach ICES with a view to collaboration on this problem.
- (b) With regard to representation at the forthcoming meeting of the CWP at Madrid, Spain, in August 1980, it was agreed that the Scientific Council be represented by the following:
 - i) Assistant Executive Secretary
 - ii) Chairman of STACREC, and
 - iii) a representative to be nominated by Canada.

11. Rules of Procedure

The Scientific Council agreed that no amendment would be considered at this Meeting but that the suggestions for amendment, presented by the Chairman of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure for the General Council and Fisheries Commission (Capt J. C. E. Cardoso, Portugal), be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration in the interim with the request that a report on this matter be considered at the 1980 Annual Meeting.

12. International Scientific Observer Scheme

The Scientific Council confirmed the adoption of the opinion expressed by STACRES (*ICNAF Redbook 1979*, page 59) that implementation of a scientific observer program would improve significantly the scientific knowledge on the effects of fishing on the resource. In discussing whether implementation of such a scheme was, in fact, a necessity, it was noted that biological sampling of commercial catches did not, in most cases, meet even the minimum levels recommended by STACRES and adopted by ICNAF (see ICNAF Sum. Doc. 77/VI/31, 78/VI/11, and 79/VI/14). Furthermore, it has been noted that the minimum level of sampling would only be adequate if it was of the highest quality, a criterion not often achieved. STACRES has frequently, in previous years, expressed its concern over the inadequacy of the data from the commercial fisheries (e.g. *ICNAF Redbook 1978*, pages 41 and 87). The Council agreed that good statistics, ample biological sampling of the catch, and observation of catches and fishery operations by scientific personnel were essential elements for good stock assessment. Since these elements were missing or inadequate for many stocks, and since the implementation of an international scientific observer scheme would aid greatly to improve the situation, the Council decided that such an observer scheme was justified and requested the *ad hoc* Working Group, established for the purpose, to proceed with development of the specific requirements in accordance with the following terms of reference:

- (a) To review recent sampling data collection and identify specific data needs by stock and area;
- (b) To recommend what data should be collected, as a minimum, by a scientific observer on board a vessel, and to identify other data that could be collected should the particular situation permit, with due attention to the need to avoid revealing details on the commercial aspects of fishing operations;
- (c) To develop the format of data collection; and
- (d) To recommend procedures for the transmittal and dissemination of the scientific data.

The Council agreed that the Chairman of the Working Group (Mr J. S. Beckett, Canada) should initiate preliminary consideration of this matter through correspondence with its members, and that the Working Group should meet at the time of the mid-term meeting of STACFIS early in 1980 and prepare a report for subsequent consideration by STACREC. The Executive Committee is requested to take this meeting of the Working Group into account when scheduling the mid-term meeting of STACFIS, noting that time equivalent to at least one working day would be required.

13. Future Scientific Meetings

- (a) The Scientific Council was informed that Canada, subject to the concurrence of the other coastal state concerned, will request the Scientific Council to provide scientific advice in late 1979 on the management of the seal stocks in the Convention Area.
- (b) The Council noted the requests of Canada and the European Economic Community (EEC) for advice on the status of the shrimp stocks in Subareas 0 and 1, as indicated in ICNAF Com. Doc. 79/VI/6 and 79/VI/16, and the views of the Assessments Subcommittee of ICNAF (ICNAF Sum. Doc. 79/VI/11) regarding the difficulty of providing advice on conservation measures in 1980 without complete research and statistical data for 1979.

The Council unanimously agreed that the most appropriate time to review the status of the shrimp stocks in Subareas 0 and 1 would be at the mid-term meeting of STACFIS in early 1980, to allow the acquisition and analysis of reasonably complete biological and statistical data for 1979. If requested to provide advice before the end of 1979, the Council agreed that November would be the earliest time when reasonably precise advice could be formulated.

- (c) As noted in Section 7(b) above, the Council estimated that 7-8 days in early 1980 would be required for STACFIS to formulate advice on management in 1980 of certain stocks deferred from the 1979 Annual Meeting.
- (d) The Council took note of the recommendation of STACRES (*ICNAF Redbook 1979*, page 51) "that future stock assessments be carried out in May (instead of early April) to allow for the compilation of more complete statistical data, the pre-meeting distribution of relevant documentation, and the possible availability of some data for the early months of the current year". The Council agreed that STACFIS should meet in late May or early June 1980 to review the status of the stocks for which conservation measures will be required for 1981, the actual time and duration of this meeting to be decided by the Executive Committee. The availability of adequate computer and printing facilities was emphasized in determining the site where the meeting might be held.
- (e) The Council agreed that its 1980 Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 1980 Annual Meeting of NAFO.

14. Adjournment

The Chairman thanked the participants for their cooperation during the course of this First Annual Meeting of the Scientific Council, noting that excellent progress had been made in the transition from ICNAF to NAFO. He also expressed the gratitude of the Council for the efficient work of the Secretariat. The meeting was adjourned at 1500 hrs, 7 June 1979.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Scientific Council

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 - (b) Standing Committee on Research Coordination (STACREC)
 - (c) Standing Committee on Publications (STACPUB)
 - (d) Executive Committee
7. Matters Relevant to Fisheries Science
 - (a) Consideration of Report of Assessments Subcommittee of ICNAF (ICNAF Sum. Doc. 79/VI/11) as the basis for advice expected of the Scientific Council at its First Annual Meeting (see Report of March 1979 Meeting of Scientific Council, paragraph 7; this volume, page 41)
 - (b) Consideration of future work of the Standing Committee on Fisheries Science, relating to the study, appraisal, and exchange of scientific information and views on the marine resources of the Convention Area
 - (c) Review of relevant papers
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NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Report of Joint Meeting of the Scientific Council of NAFO and
the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (STACRES) of ICNAF

1. Joint sessions of the Scientific Council of NAFO and ICNAF's Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (STACRES) were held at the ICNAF/NAFO Secretariat offices in Dartmouth, Canada, during 22-26 May 1979.
2. The first session of the Scientific Council on 22 May 1979 was called to order by the Executive Secretary of NAFO. Mr R. H. Letaconnoux (European Economic Community (EEC)) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Scientific Council for the joint sessions. The Council agreed that Dr R. G. Halliday, as Chairman-elect of STACRES, and Mr Letaconnoux, as Chairman of the Scientific Council, should co-chair the joint sessions and that the Report of STACRES, including the reports of its Subcommittees, would be considered for acceptance by both STACRES and the Scientific Council.
3. At the final session of the joint meeting on 26 May 1979, the Scientific Council approved the provisional report of STACRES, including the reports of its Subcommittees, as the basis for its activities in 1979/80.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979

Report of the Standing Committee on Publications (STACPUB)

Tuesday, 5 June, 1700 hrs

1. Opening. The Standing Committee on Publications (STACPUB) met on 5 June, with Dr R. G. Halliday as Chairman, to consider matters referred to it by the Scientific Council (Agenda Item 9). The Assistant Executive Secretary was appointed Rapporteur. All members of the Committee, as confirmed by the Scientific Council, were present.
2. NAFO Scientific Publications. With reference to future publications relating to research and statistics, the Chairman noted that participants in recent meetings of ICNAF's Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (STACRES) had indicated the desirability of maintaining continuity in the numbering and general format of publications relating to research and statistics in the Northwest Atlantic. The Committee generally agreed with this suggestion and proceeded to review all of the current publications with a view to deciding which of the publication series needed immediate decisions on their continuation and general format and which could be deferred for consideration at the 1980 Annual Meeting. The question of the numbering of NAFO publication series was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the numbering should run consecutively from those of ICNAF, in order to maintain continuity of similar ICNAF and NAFO publication series. The following publications were considered essential to the work of the Scientific Council, but final agreement on the name and general format of some of these was deferred to the 1980 Annual Meeting.

(a) Statistical Bulletin

The first issue for NAFO will contain fisheries statistics for the calendar year 1979 to be reported by Member States on NAFO STATLANT 21A and 21B forms in the first half of 1980. This issue will be numbered "Vol. 29", with a note on the title page of each continuing volume indicating that Vol. 1 to 28 were issued as ICNAF Statistical Bulletins. The color of the cover will be blue.

(b) Sampling Yearbook

The first issue for NAFO will contain lists of sampling data for 1979 to be reported by Member States in 1980 in accordance with the sampling requirements of the Scientific Council. This issue will be numbered "Vol. 24", with a note on the title page of each continuing volume indicating that Vol. 1 to 23 were issued as ICNAF Sampling Yearbooks. The color of the cover will be yellow.

(c) Selected Papers

It was agreed that No. 6 of this series, containing papers based on research documents presented to 1979 Meetings of ICNAF and expected to be published in early 1980, will be issued as "ICNAF Selected Papers No. 6", and that a final decision on the continuation of this series for NAFO, including the name and numbering, will be made at the 1980 Annual Meeting.

(d) Research Bulletin

Since the 1980 issue of this primary publication series is not expected to be ready for printing until late in 1980, it was agreed to defer the decision on the name and numbering of this series until the 1980 Annual Meeting. However, the Secretariat was requested to proceed with the processing of refereed papers under the assumption that there will be a primary NAFO research periodical. If sufficient papers are received during the latter part of 1979 to warrant publication in advance of the 1980 Annual Meeting, it was suggested that the Bulletin be issued as an ICNAF publication.

(e) Reports of Scientific Council Meetings

It was noted that ICNAF Redbook 1979, containing the reports of ICNAF scientific meetings in 1978/79, will be issued as usual in August 1979. It was agreed that a similar publication will be required for the reports of the Scientific Council and its Committees. However, since these reports for 1979 will consist of only a few pages in a bound volume, it was agreed to defer publication of the 1979 reports and include them with the 1980 reports in a single volume. The

(f) List of Fishing Vessels

Since the next triennial volume of this series (for 1980) would not normally be issued until 1981, it was agreed to defer consideration of the need for this series until the 1980 Annual Meeting.

3. Scientific Council Meeting Documents. The Committee unanimously agreed to the need for "Research Document" and "Summary Document" series, starting in 1980, and further agreed that the ICNAF practice of numbering (i.e., year, month, and consecutive number) and title page colors (yellow and blue) be retained. The "Research Document" series will be used for scientific contributions from individual scientists. The "Summary Document" series will be used for the distribution of reports of scientific meetings and Secretariat reports on research and statistical matters. It was noted that the Summary Document series would serve as the medium of communication of Scientific Council matters to the Fisheries Commission and the General Council.
4. Editorial Policy Relating to Publications. The Committee agreed that, since most of the publications to be issued prior to the 1980 Annual Meeting will be issued as ICNAF publications, consideration of matters relating to editorial policy should be deferred to the 1980 Annual Meeting.
5. The Chairman thanked the members for their participation in this first meeting of the Committee on Publications and adjourned the meeting at 1900 hrs.

PART II(D)

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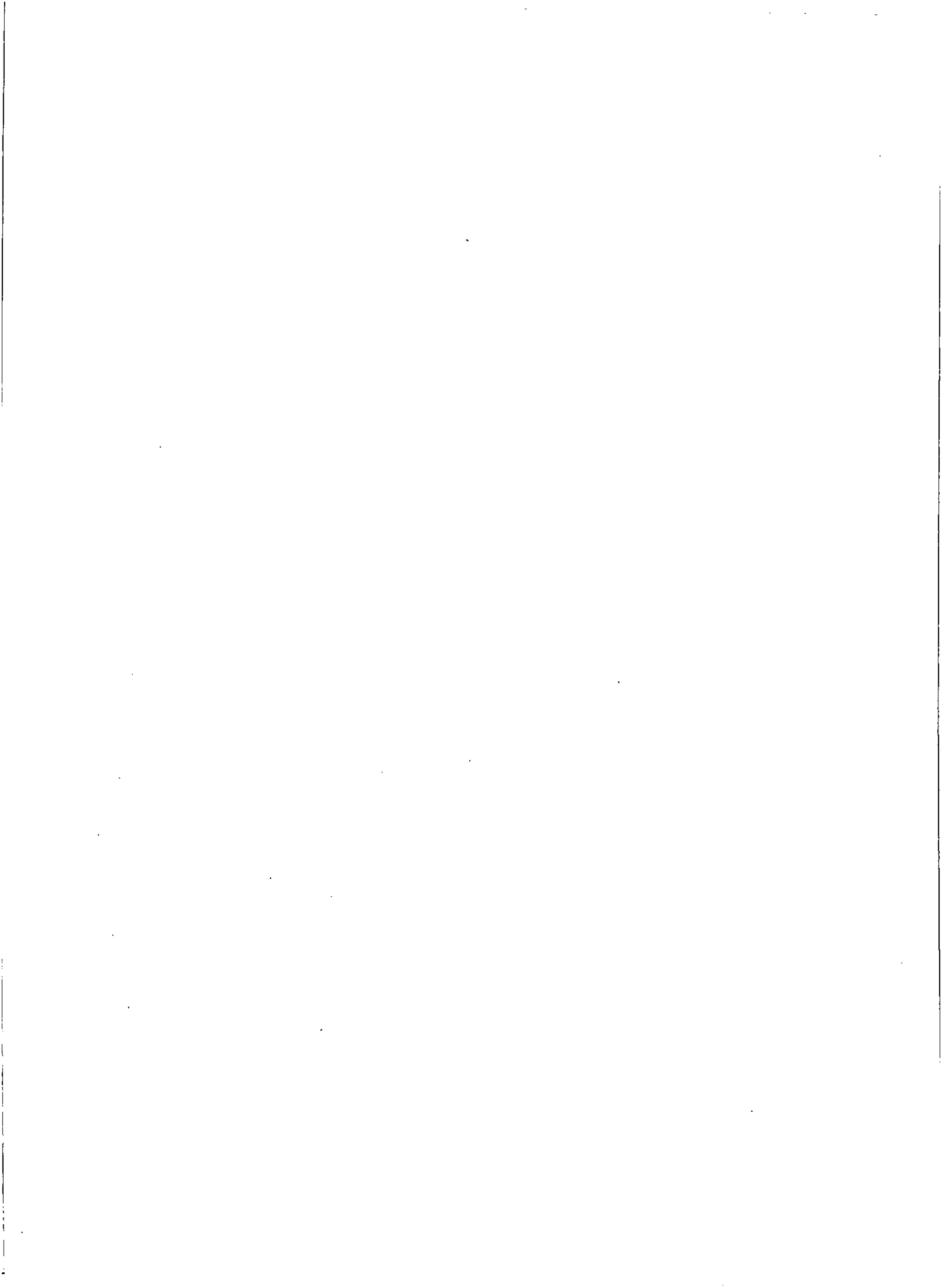
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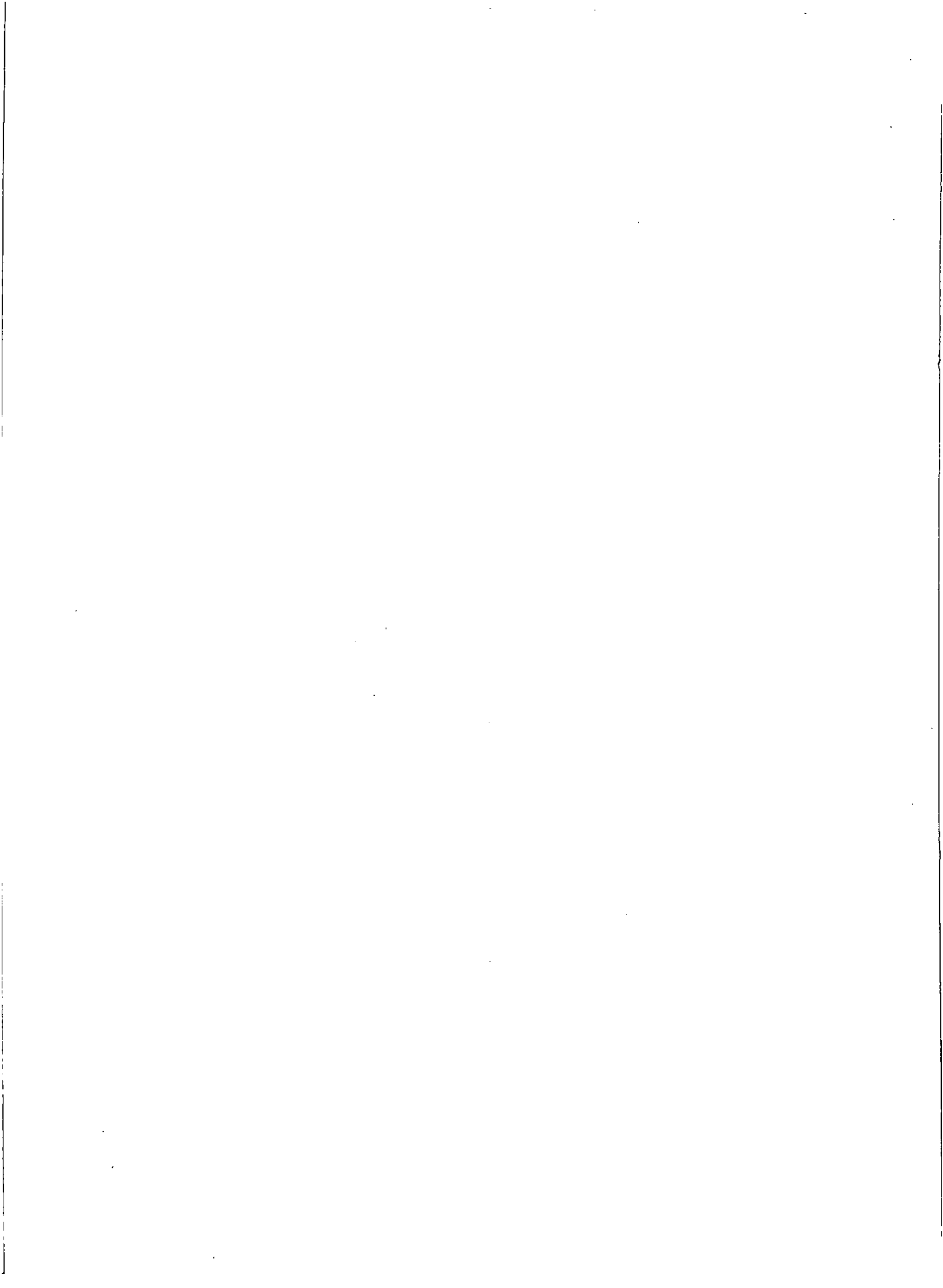
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Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization

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PRESS NOTICE

1. Parties to International Fisheries Agreements covering the Northwest Atlantic Ocean concluded historic meetings in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 7 June 1979.
2. The International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF), which has been in existence since 1951, held its final meeting. Termination of ICNAF was also the occasion for the first annual meeting of its replacement body, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). The Organization has three, independent bodies, a General Council, a Scientific Council, and a Fisheries Commission, and will, it is expected, provide the forum for international cooperation in fisheries management in the Northwest Atlantic beginning 1 January 1980.
3. The following Parties attended as Members of ICNAF: Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Iceland, Japan, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). Parties attending as Members of NAFO were: Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, the European Economic Community (EEC), Faroe Islands (Denmark), the CDR, Iceland, Norway, Portugal, Romania, and the USSR. Observers were welcomed from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Commission for the Southeast Atlantic Fisheries (ICSEAF), the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), and the Government of the United States of America (USA).
4. Officers were elected for two-year terms as follows:

<u>for NAFO:</u>	Dr A. W. May, Assistant Deputy Minister, Atlantic Fisheries (Canada)	- President of the Organization and Chairman of the General Council
	Dr V. K. Zilanov (USSR)	- Vice-Chairman of the General Council
	Mr R. H. Letaconnoux (EEC)	- Chairman of the Scientific Council
	Dr R. G. Halliday (Canada)	- Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Council
	Capt J. C. E. Cardoso (Portugal)	- Chairman of the Fisheries Commission
	Mr J. Farnell (EEC)	- Vice-Chairman of the Fisheries Commission

<u>for ICNAF:</u>	Mr S. Ohkuchi (Japan)	- Chairman of the Commission
	Dr W. Ranke (GDR)	- Vice-Chairman of the Commission

Important institutional arrangements were agreed concerning the transition from ICNAF to NAFO.

5. As an item of major importance, the combined ICNAF/NAFO meetings considered management measures for 1980 for three stocks of cod, redfish, and American plaice which are entirely outside the Canadian 200-mile fishing zone in Division 3M (Flemish Cap), and seven stocks of cod, redfish, American plaice, yellowtail flounder, witch flounder, capelin, and squid (*Illex* species), which overlap the 200-mile fishing limit in Divisions 3L, 3N, and 3O (stocks of the Grand Banks) (see Table 1). Mid-term meetings of the Scientific Council of NAFO will be required to review the scientific advice to be given to the Fisheries Commission of NAFO at a special meeting early in 1980 for further management decisions, if necessary.
6. Other decisions of NAFO and ICNAF included:
 - (a) adoption by the Fisheries Commission of NAFO of a minimum mesh size of 60 millimeters for trawl nets fishing for squid (*Illex*) outside the Canadian fishing limit;
 - (b) agreement in the General Council of NAFO on required changes in the boundary between Subareas 0 and 1 to be effective on 1 January 1980, as a result of the extension of fishing limits by Canada and the EEC in respect of Denmark (Greenland);
 - (c) agreement to initiate an international scientific observer scheme for vessels fishing outside the 200-mile fishing zone, in order to provide better scientific and statistical information on the fisheries;

- (e) agreement on actions to be taken by NAFO and ICNAF, in view of recent substantial fishing operations by vessels of non-Members of NAFO or ICNAF in the area outside the Canadian 200-mile fishing limit; and
 - (f) adoption of amendments to the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement by the Fisheries Commission of NAFO for application by NAFO.
7. The Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization will hold its Annual Meeting in September 1980, in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

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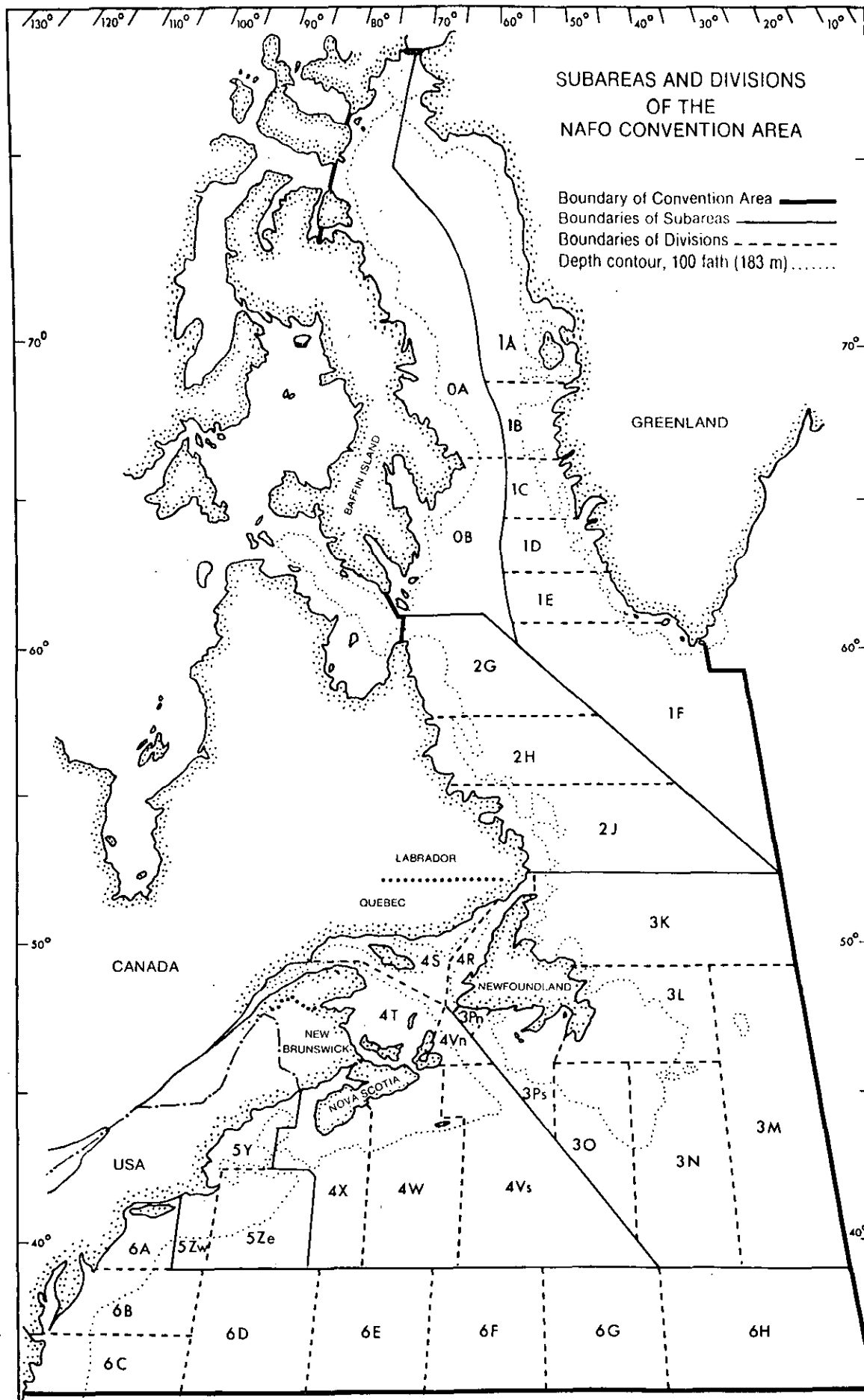


Table 1. Total allowable catches and national quotas (metric tons) for 1980 of particular stocks in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area. (The values listed include quantities to be taken both inside and outside the 200-mile fisheries zone, where applicable.)

Country	COD		REDFISH		AMERICAN PLAICE		YELLOWTAIL	WITCH	CAPELIN	SQUID (Illex)
	3M ¹	3NO ²	3M	3LN	3M	3LNO	3LNO	3NO	3LNO	3 + 4
Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	100	A	5,500	12,900	250	46,200	17,500	4,900	-	-
Cuba	480	B	1,550	1,600	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Economic Community	2,405	H	-	-	-	700	400	-	-	-
Faroe Islands (Denmark)	1,775	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
German Democratic Republic	-	I	-	600	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iceland	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	500	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	500	J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal	2,590	M	600	600	250	-	-	-	-	-
Romania	-	G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	560	O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USSR	1,270	N	10,350	9,200	1,000	-	-	2,030	-	-
Others	100	-	2,000	100	500	100	100	70	-	-
Total	10,280	O ²	20,000	25,000	2,000	47,000	18,000	7,000	-	-

1 Allowable catch of cod in Division 3M by Contracting Parties are for the period 1 January-30 April 1980 only.

2 The incidental catch of cod in fisheries for other species must not exceed the greater of 2,500 kg and 10% of the total weight on board the vessel of all species caught in Divisions 3N and 3O.