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Extracts from Resolutions Passed at the 68th Statutory Meeting of ICES, October 1980

NOTE: This document presents selected resolutions passed at the 68th Statutory Meeting of ICES, Copenhagen, Denmark, 6-15 October 1980. Only those resolutions directly relevant to NAFO research and statistical activities are given. The full report of the 1980 ICES Meeting is given in *Procès-Verbal de la Réunion, 1980* (issued in January 1981).

Assistant Executive Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

- C.Res.1980/2:6 (2) The Working Group on redfish and Greenland halibut in Region 1 (Chairman: Mr B. Vaske) should meet at ICES headquarters from 11-19 March 1981 to:
- assess TACs for 1982 for redfish and Greenland halibut
 - estimate effective mesh sizes in use for redfish
 - estimate the short-term losses and long-term gains resulting from an increase in mesh size in Subarea XIV (to 140 mm) for all species of significant importance in that area
 - advise on the effectiveness of closed areas for the protection of spawning and nursery grounds of redfish in Subarea XIV
 - evaluate biological relationships between Greenland halibut and redfish stocks in East and West Greenland, and
 - NAFO scientists should be invited to take part in the evaluation mentioned above.
- C.Res.1980/2:6 (19) NAFO should be approached with a request that the *Pandalus* stock in the ICES area at East Greenland should be assessed by the NAFO Assessment Working Group dealing with the shrimp stock at West Greenland, with appropriate ICES involvement. This NAFO Group should report to ACFM in relation to the East Greenland shrimp stock.
- 2:11 (e) The Working Group on Aerospace Remote Sensing should meet for 2 days immediately after the scientific sessions of the 1981 Statutory Meeting in order to summarise the discussions at the Mini-symposium and in the appropriate Committees, and to outline future applications of remote sensing to different fields of marine research.
- C.Res.1980/2:12 The Statistics Committee Liaison Working Group should be convened by the Chairman of the Statistics Committee for 3 days in 1981 at ICES headquarters to:
- specify the statistical programme for collection of mariculture statistics and as part of the problem resolve the boundary problem between aquaculture (freshwater) and mariculture (marine environment); the participation should include experts on mariculture production
 - review the current state of the statistical programmes, their deficiencies, and specifically the problems with reliable and timely reporting, and
 - identify any problems which may be encountered at national agencies due to the recommendations passed on the initiative of CWP.

C.Res.1980/3:1

ICES should actively cooperate with WMO/IOC and SCOR in establishing and conducting programmes for the purpose of understanding the interaction between the ocean and the atmosphere on climatic time scales of weeks to years. In particular, ICES accepts the proposal by SCOR for establishing a Joint ICES/SCOR Working Group on "North Atlantic Circulation" under the following amended terms of reference:

- a) to review and prepare a summary of recent important developments in the study of the North Atlantic circulation as a basis for planning work
- b) to identify the observational and modelling studies most relevant for an improved understanding of the circulation of water, heat and chemical tracers in the North Atlantic
- c) to identify the meteorological data requirements for the enhancement of such studies, and
- d) to facilitate the cooperation between research groups involved in studies of North Atlantic circulation.

C.Res.1980/3:3

The CWP recommendation "that FAO obtain the approval of its appropriate governing bodies to dissolve the present Working Party as an FAO statutory body" is endorsed and the proposed future structure of the CWP is approved, provided that by this endorsement the Council has not committed itself to undertake any Secretariat service for the CWP. This will in case need a specific decision by the Council.

C.Res.1980/5:1

Special themes for the respective Committees at the Statutory Meeting in 1981:

Hydrography Committee

- a) North Atlantic circulation with special reference to long-time series of observations
- b) Shelf Sea fronts, and
- c) Poster session: Instrumentation advances in the field of physical, chemical and biological oceanography.

Statistics Committee

Fish stock assessment computer program packages. Their design, contents, and future developments.

Demersal Fish and Pelagic Fish Committees

Food and feeding studies of fish in relation to multi-species assessments.