INTERNATIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION
First Meeting
Washington, D. C. - February 1, 1954

SUMMARY MINUTES

FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

(February 3, 1954 - 9:15 a.m.)
The Ad Hoc Committee on Organization convened its first meeting at 9:15 a.m., February 3, 1954, and elected Mr. Brooding of the United States as Chairman.

The Committee reviewed its terms of reference (Document ES/2) and agreed to discuss items in the following order:

1) Location of Headquarters
2) Selection of an Executive Director
3) Standing Committees
4) Time and Place of Next Meeting

Selection of Headquarters Site

After discussing factors which should be taken into consideration in the selection of a headquarters site such as a central location, the desirability of keeping expenses at a minimum, and the desirability of having marine laboratory facilities within a convenient distance, the Committee agreed that, because certain larger questions which would affect the selection of a site had not yet been discussed by the Commission, it would for the time being limit itself to discussion of selection of a temporary headquarters site, which might become permanent if the Commission so desired.

The Committee agreed that the temporary headquarters should be located in North America and at a place bordering on the Pacific Ocean. It further agreed that three sites offered the necessary facilities, that is to say, Seattle, Washington; Vancouver, B. C.; and Nanaimo, B. C. The Canadian Delegation explained that at its Research Station at Nanaimo, physical facilities for the Commission could be made available on a temporary basis at no cost to the Commission. The United States Delegation stated that temporary facilities would be available at the University of Washington in Seattle.

The Commissioners agreed to leave the subject for the moment and take it up again at the next session after consulting with their delegations.

Selection of Executive Director

With regard to the selection of an Executive Director, the Committee, after some discussion, agreed that he should be a qualified administrator with some knowledge of biology, and
that he be young enough so that he might be expected to continue in the Commission's employ for some time.

The Committee agreed that it was necessary that discussions be held within the individual delegations before further conclusions could be reached.

**Standing Committees**

The Canadian Delegation suggested that the organizational structure of the Commission should include two Standing Committees. One of these would be a Committee on Research or Biology, which would consist of all Commissioners plus a group of scientists selected by the Commission at large. The other would be a Committee on Finance.

The Committee agreed that for the moment it could recommend merely that a Standing Committee on Research or Biology would be necessary, the Commissioners desiring to consult with their delegations before going more deeply into this subject.

The Committee also agreed that a Standing Committee on Finance would be necessary. Two functions were foreseen for this Committee: first, to prepare the first budget for the Commission; second, to be available to the Chairman upon the conclusion of the present meeting for such use as he might wish to make of it.

The question of Ad Hoc Committees on Finance and on Research for the duration of this meeting was raised, and the Commissioners agreed that such Ad Hoc Committees were beyond their terms of reference and requested the Chairman to confer with Mr. Bates to determine whether or not he desired them to discuss this matter.

**Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The Canadian Delegation suggested that the next meeting be held on January 31, 1955, at the headquarters of the Commission, wherever that might be. The Japanese Delegation suggested November of 1954, the meeting to be held at the headquarters wherever it might be. The United States
Delegation suggested an interim meeting in Japan some time in the Fall of 1954 and a regular annual meeting in January of 1955. The Commissioners agreed that they would consult further with their delegations before proceeding with this subject.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m., to meet again at 3:00 p.m., February 3, 1954.

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