SUMMARY MINUTES
SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
(February 3, 1954 - 3:30 p.m.)
The Committee met at 3:30 p.m. and gave immediate consideration to the selection of a site for temporary headquarters. The Canadian Delegation informed the Committee that the University of British Columbia at Vancouver was prepared to offer facilities for a small staff on a temporary basis without cost. After a brief discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Commission that it select Vancouver as the site of its headquarters for the time being.

The Committee next took up the question of standing committees and heard a brief explanation of the organizational structure and modus operandi of the International Whaling Commission and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Commission. Some discussion of the functions of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission then followed, the Chairman pointing out that two courses of action appeared to be open to the Commission: one, the Commission might limit itself to coordinating the operations of the research activities of the three contracting parties, or; two, it might employ a staff of its own.

Mr. Bates joined the Committee in the midst of this discussion and expressed his thoughts on this subject, pointing out that regardless of the manner in which the Commission should function, the immediate problem was to determine, first of all, what is known about the fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean; what we must know in order to maintain them at a level of maximum sustained productivity; and how we are to go about filling the gap. Following a discussion, the Committee concluded that this problem could best be attacked by appointing a committee of commissioners and scientific experts who might meet immediately following this meeting of the Commission, once later in the year, and again immediately before the next meeting, study the problem, and be prepared to present the Commission with some specific recommendations.

After some further discussion, the Committee agreed to present the following recommendation to the Commission:

"The Committee recommends that the Commission establish a Standing Committee on Biology and Research consisting of one Commissioner and two scientists from each contracting party to review the existing knowledge of the fisheries of common concern of the North Pacific Ocean, determine what further knowledge is necessary to insure the maintenance of those fisheries at levels of maximum sustained productivity and present the Commission at its next meeting with a research program designed to obtain that knowledge."
The Committee then discussed a Standing Committee on Finance, and after some discussion, agreed to present the following recommendation to the Commission:

"The Committee recommends that the Commission establish a Standing Committee on Finance and Administration, consisting of one Commissioner and one Advisor from each contracting party, to formulate the Commission's financial regulations, to prepare the Commission's first budget and advise the Commission on matters relating to the Executive Director and his staff, on the budgets of the Commission, on the time and place of the meetings of the Commission, and on other matters of an administrative nature."

The Committee also agreed to recommend that Mr. Fujita serve on the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration for Japan, Mr. Hager for Canada, and for the United States, a Commissioner to be designated later.

The Committee adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to meet again at 10:00 a.m., February 4, 1954.