INTERNATIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION
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SUMMARY MINUTES
SIXTH MEETING
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
(February 12, 1954 - 9:40 a.m.)
The Committee examined the minutes of its fifth meeting and adopted these minutes as they appear in Document 33.

With regard to the selection of a temporary Executive Director, the Canadian Delegation informed the Committee that it was prepared to offer the Commission, on a loan basis for a few months or a year, one of its senior scientists. The individual was Dr. R. E. Foerster, Director of Salmon Investigations in British Columbia and a member of the staff of the Canadian Research Station at Nanaimo. He would probably be available to the Commission on the first of August. The Canadian Delegation explained that Dr. Foerster's present salary is $7,250 per annum, and that since the cost of living was slightly higher in Vancouver than in Nanaimo, a salary from the Commission of $7,800 would probably offset that difference. Such a sum would not greatly upset the Commission's budget.

The Japanese Delegation thought it highly desirable that a person to do the work of the Executive Director be available by the beginning of August in order to arrange matters for the next annual meeting, and stated that since the temporary headquarters are to be located in Canada, it was glad to have this offer of the loan of Dr. Foerster to carry out the duties of the Executive Director until a permanent man might be selected.

The United States Delegation felt that the offer was a most generous one and agreed with the Japanese Delegation's opinion as to the need for a man to arrange for the next meeting.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Commission that it accept the Canadian Delegation's offer on the terms discussed, that is to say, that until a permanent Executive Director was appointed, Dr. Foerster serve on a temporary basis at a salary of $7,800 per annum, his service beginning on August 1, 1954. The Committee also agreed that it would be unnecessary, in the light of this action, to transmit to the Commission the recommendation regarding the appointment of a temporary Executive Director which it had agreed upon at its fifth meeting.

The Japanese Delegation then raised the question of how the appointment of an assistant to the Executive Director might be handled, explaining that upon return to Japan, it would endeavor to find a suitable man who, it assumed, might be appointed before or at the next meeting.
The Canadian and United States Delegations were of the opinion that the appointment ought to be before the next meeting and that, since the Rules of Procedure authorize the Executive Director to employ an assistant, the matter might be handled most conveniently by having the Japanese national section communicate with the Secretary of the Commission, suggesting a name. This was agreed.

The Japanese Delegation then asked if the salaries of the Commission staff would be tax-exempt. The Canadian Delegation explained that such was not customary, that the staffs of the other Commissions were not tax-exempt and that there was no reason to believe that the staff of this Commission would be tax-exempt.

The Chairman then expressed his appreciation for the contributions which the Commissioners and their advisers had made to the work of the Committee and his pleasure in working with them, and regretted that his association with them would be less intimate in the next months than it had been during this meeting. Mr. Fujita expressed his thanks for the Chairman's kindness and stated that he looked forward to seeing the Chairman again at the next meeting.

The Committee then asked the Technical Secretary to submit the minutes of this session to the Delegations individually for approval.

The Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m. sine die.

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