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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR 1966

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1. CONTENT OF THE REPORT

This report summarizes the decisions of the Commission and the activities of the Secretariat during the period from the adjournment of the Twelfth Annual Meeting on November 12, 1965, to September 30, 1966. It does not deal with meetings of the Commission or its committees which are adequately reported in proceedings. The administrative report will later be revised as necessary to cover the period up to the opening of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting and will, if approved by the Commission, be published in the annual report of the Commission for 1966.

2. OFFICERS AND STAFF

Dr. A. W. H. Needler of Canada served as Chairman of the Commission during 1966. The Vice-Chairman was Mr. Iwao Fujita of Japan, and Mr. Edward W. Allen of the United States was Secretary. Mr. Clarence F. Pautzke of the United States was chairman of the Standing Committee on Biology and Research, Mr. Takeshi Yasukawa of Japan served as chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration and Dr. A. W. H. Needler of Canada was chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Abstention. The chairmanship of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Protocol continued vacant.

There were no changes in the permanent staff of the Secretariat during the year. W. G. Van Campen continued as Executive Director, F. Nagasaki as Assistant Director and L. M. Kissack as Secretary.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL SECTIONS

As of September 30, 1966, there had been no notification of changes in the membership of the Commission. Canada continued to be represented by A. W. H. Needler, Donovan F. Miller, James C. Cameron and Carl E. Giske. Commissioners for Japan were Iwao Fujita, Haruo Nakai, Takeshi Yasukawa and Masajiro Niwa, and the United States Commissioners were Clarence F. Pautzke, Edward W. Allen, Fred P. McGinnis and Roger Kent.
4. INTERIM ACTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

Between the 1965 Annual Meeting and the present date, the Commission made the following decisions by correspondence:

a. The Commission approved the draft summary minutes of the seventh, eighth and ninth (final) plenary sessions of the 1965 Annual Meeting. Approval was announced in Circular Letter No. 375, dated January 6, 1966.


f. The Commission approved for publication in its Bulletin the report "Salmon of the North Pacific Ocean, Part VII. Pink salmon in offshore waters". Approval was announced in Circular Letter No. 394 dated August 23, 1966.

g. The Commission approved issuance of a request to the International Pacific Halibut Commission for the assistance of its staff as scientific consultants and the issuance of invitations for the following organizations to be represented by observers at the Thirteenth Annual Meeting:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries
International Pacific Halibut Commission
International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission

Approval was announced in Circular Letter No. 396 dated September 23, 1966.
5. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

At its 1965 Annual Meeting, the Commission formulated and adopted for recommendation to the Contracting Parties conservation measures for the halibut stock of the eastern Bering Sea in 1966. The measures recommended by the Commission were accepted without change by all three governments and were incorporated in their 1966 fishery regulations.

6. RESOLUTION ON CONSERVATION

At its Twelfth Annual Meeting (1965), the Commission again adopted a resolution calling upon the Contracting Parties to give full consideration to the conservation needs of fishery resources in the area of common concern when preparing fishery regulations for future operations. The text of the resolution is found in the summary minutes of the sixth plenary session of the Twelfth Annual Meeting. The resolution was forwarded to the Contracting Parties by the Secretariat on November 17, 1965.

7. REPORT ON KING CRAB

At the sixth plenary session of its Twelfth Annual Meeting, the Commission agreed to a request from the Governments of Japan and the United States to continue and intensify its study of the eastern Bering Sea king crab resource and to transmit the findings of such study to the two Governments annually by November 30. In agreeing to this procedure, the Canadian National Section stipulated that the Commission's findings on king crab should also be transmitted to the Government of Canada. In fulfillment of this agreement, the 1965 Report of the Sub-Committee on King Crab Research and Planning of the Standing Committee on Biology and Research was transmitted to the three Governments on November 17, 1965.

8. FISCAL MATTERS

a. Accounts and audit

The auditor's report to the Commission for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1966 (INPFC Doc. 872) is being submitted to the members of the Commission simultaneously with this report.

In the 1965/66 fiscal year each Contracting Party contributed $25,150 (Canadian funds) toward the operating expenses of the Commission. The amount of money available was increased to $75,783.13 by the addition of interest on bank deposits. Total expenditures during the fiscal year amounted to $75,783.13, including $13,869.13 reserved for accounts payable and expenses accrued during the 1965/66 fiscal year. These accrued liabilities include the cost of printing the 1964 Annual Report and Bulletins 15, 16, 17 and 18 in Japanese, the 1965 Annual Report and Bulletins 18 and 19 (partial) in English, expenses of the Executive Director's trip to Japan, a pro-rated portion of the Assistant Director's home leave costs and the auditor's fee.
A financial bond in favour of the Commission, in the amount of $25,000, was continued on the three permanent staff members. The bond remains in the hands of the Deputy Minister of Fisheries of Canada for safekeeping.

b. Working capital fund

The Commission's working capital fund continued at $7,500 during the 1965/66 fiscal period.

c. Appropriations for 1966/67

The Commission's budget estimate of $72,000 (Canadian funds) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1966, as approved at the 1965 Annual Meeting, was transmitted to all Contracting Parties on November 18, 1965. Notification of acceptance of the Commission's budget estimate was received from Canada in a letter of December 20, 1965. Contributions in the full amount due have been received from all three Governments for the first half of the 1966/67 fiscal year.

9. REPORTS FROM THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

In 1966, for the thirteenth consecutive year, Canada and the United States submitted reports of their conservation measures for the stocks of fish under abstention and their enforcement of those measures, as required by Articles III(1)(c)(iii) and X(2) of the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean. The report of Canada was transmitted to the Governments of Japan and the United States on September 7, and the report of the United States was transmitted to the Governments of Canada and Japan on September 8, 1966. As in past years, the Executive Director prepared an evaluation of the form and nature of these reports (INPFC Doc. 875) for transmission to the Commissioners simultaneously with this report.

10. RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS

The Commission received invitations to send observers to meetings during the past year of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, the Pacific Science Congress, the Committee on Fisheries of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Working Group on Mutual Assistance of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and the Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of the FAO. It was possible for the Commission to be represented at the meetings of ICNAF and the FAO Committee on Fisheries, in both cases by the Chairman, Dr. A. W. H. Needler of Canada.

At the sixth plenary session of the Twelfth Annual Meeting, the Commission adopted a recommendation that an approach be made to the Government of the U.S.S.R. through the office of the Chairman in order to request data on fishing effort and catches of the Soviet trawl fishery in the Gulf of Alaska, particularly on incidental catches of halibut. Accordingly, a request for such data was addressed by the Chairman to the Minister of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R. in a letter of March 18, 1966. No reply has been received to that letter.
11. COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

During the past year the Commission's printer has been handling the Commission's jobs at a faster pace, and a good deal of work has been accomplished, particularly in reducing the backlog of Japanese versions. Since the Twelfth Annual Meeting, the 1964 Annual Report in English and the 1963 Annual Report in Japanese have been completed and distributed. Bulletin 17, a paper by four Japanese authors on the offshore distribution and migrations of Pacific salmon as revealed by tagging studies, and Bulletin 18, a collection of six papers by Canadian and Japanese authors on the life histories of sockeye, pink and chum salmon of British Columbia and the Far East, were published in the English version and are now in press in the Japanese version. Of Bulletins published in English prior to the Twelfth Annual Meeting, Bulletin 14 was published in Japanese during the past year, and Bulletins 15 and 16 have been approved for binding and will be distributed shortly. Bulletin 19, a United States report on the migrations of salmon as determined by seining and tagging, is in press in English and near completion. Bulletin 20, which is the part of the Commission's joint report on salmon dealing with sockeye salmon in offshore waters, is also in press in English.

A paper on king crab biology and an oceanographic paper on the Alaskan Stream, both written by United States scientists, have been approved for publication and are being prepared for printing in Bulletin 21. The part of the joint report devoted to pink salmon in offshore waters has also received Commission approval and will be published as Bulletin 22. With the publication of Bulletin 22, six of the projected nine parts of the joint salmon report will have been published in their entirety, as well as two-thirds of the contributions to the part on salmon life history.

A full report on the progress and present status of the Commission's publications will be made to the Committee on Biology and Research.

12. STAFF ACTIVITIES

The Secretariat continues to be staffed by three permanent employees (see Section 2 of this report). In addition, a half-time typist has been employed regularly during the past year, and a translator was employed full-time during the first quarter of the year. Temporary personnel were hired on an hourly basis as needed to assist with the preparation of Japanese manuscript material and illustrations for the Commission's publications. The Secretariat's workload continues to consist mostly of manuscript preparation, proofreading and distribution of publications, arrangement and staffing of meetings, correspondence in connection with research and publication work, and facilitation of the interchange of data, biological samples and scientific observers.

As in past years, the Secretariat staff has compiled a yearbook of catch statistics for the salmon, halibut, herring and bottomfish fisheries in areas of common interest to the three countries, the material for the yearbook being furnished through the cooperation of the
national research organizations. The Commission's annual report for 1965 was drafted in part and translated by the staff. The bound volume "Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Meeting--1965" was prepared, processed and distributed by the Secretariat early in 1966. The Japanese version of the 1965 Proceedings was also prepared at the Secretariat and was processed and bound in Japan with the cooperation of the Japanese National Section.

The Executive Director visited Tokyo in May for consultation with the Japanese Commissioners and their advisors and took the opportunity to visit fisheries research institutions in Hokkaido. The chairman and advisors of the United States National Section were consulted on a visit to Washington, D. C. in September, and opportunities were found to consult with Canadian Commissioners in Vancouver. The Assistant Director, while on home leave in Japan in June and July, devoted some time to Commission affairs. Secretariat staff were able to assist three biologists of the Fisheries Agency of Japan who visited the Vancouver area during the year incidentally to tours as field observers. Staff members attended meetings of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission and the International Pacific Halibut Commission and lectured on the Commission's work to fishermen's extension courses at the University of British Columbia and to a seminar of Canada Department of Fisheries conservation officers.