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INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES CONVENTION OF 1946

EIGHTH MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSION

DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY WORKING PARTY ON ITEM 7
OF THE AGENDA

The Commission, after taking into account the findings included in the Report of the Working Group on Arctic fisheries, considers that it is essential that the minimum mesh for trawl nets used in the north-eastern part of the Convention area (waters north of 66° north latitude and east of the meridian of Greenwich) should be increased at the earliest possible date and hereby resolves that:-

(i) The Commission, in the light of further scientific investigations, should consider at their next meeting a proposal for increasing the minimum mesh size for manila cod-ends to 120/130 mm in the north-eastern part of the Convention area as from the 1st January, 1962, and further, the extension of this proposal to the whole of the northern part of the Convention area.

(ii) The Contracting Governments should be requested to undertake as a matter of urgency further study of the effects of introducing larger mesh sizes for all species of fish in the whole of the northern part of the Convention area, and to take such measures as may be possible to facilitate the introduction of a larger minimum mesh size as soon as possible.

(iii) The Liaison Committee should be invited:-

(a) To arrange for the Arctic Working Group to continue their studies in the light of the investigations of the Contracting Governments, with special reference to the problems of larger minimum mesh sizes in relation to stocks and species of fish in the north-eastern part of the Convention area other than those dealt with in their report to this meeting of the Commission.

(b) To promote an investigation into the state of the fish stocks in the northern part of the Convention area outside the north-east Arctic, and the effects on them of further increases of mesh size above 110 mm.

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