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July 21, 1950

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State  
Washington 25, D.C.

Sir:

The first meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by Convention between the United States of America and Costa Rica was held at the Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, California, beginning Tuesday, July 18, 1950. Present representing the United States section were Commissioners Lee F. Payne and Eugene D. Bennett and representing the Costa Rican section Jose Luis Cardona-Cooper. Absent were Commissioners Milton C. James of the United States section and Virgilio Aguiluz of the Costa Rican section.

Commissioner Cardona-Cooper was elected Chairman for the first year and Commissioner Milton C. James was elected Secretary. In the absence of the Secretary, I was designated Acting Secretary for the meeting.

Upon instruction of the Commission, and in accordance with the terms of the Convention (Article I, Sections 3 and 4) there is transmitted herewith for the approval of the United States Government the unanimous recommendations of the two sections of the Commission regarding:

- (1) The proportion of joint expenses to be paid by each Government;
- (2) The program of activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951;
- (3) The budget of joint expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Isla V. Davies

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Acting Secretary

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy.  
None of the attachments referred to is attached hereto.  
December 29, 1950.

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SUMMARY MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING  
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION  
July 18, 1950  
Palm Room  
Hotel del Coronado

The first meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission was held at the Palm Room of the Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, California, beginning at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, July 18, 1950.

Present were: Dr. W. M. Chapman, Acting Chairman, Mr. Lee F. Payne and Mr. Eugene D. Bennett, members of the United States section; Mr. Jose L. Cardona-Cooper, member of the Costa Rican section, Mr. Victor Nigro, advisor to Mr. Cardona-Cooper; members of the United States Industry Advisory Committee, and others. The temporary chairman, Dr. W. M. Chapman, of the Department of State, opened the meeting and introduced the Commissioners to those present. He stated that he had received a message from Mr. Milton C. James, member of the United States section, saying that, because of the sudden death of his mother, he was prevented from attending the meeting. Mr. Virgilio Aguiluz of the Costa Rican section was also unavoidably absent.

Dr. Chapman summarized briefly the purposes of the Convention, pointing out the size and value of the tuna industry and the fact that there is little scientific knowledge regarding the stocks that make up the fishery. The work of the Commission will serve to establish a body of scientific knowledge which can be used to prevent depletion of the stocks. He pointed out that it might easily take eight to ten years of research to establish the scientific background which is necessary to determine whether or not there is any over-fishing. He stated that there is like need for scientific information regarding the tuna bait fisheries in the territorial waters of Costa Rica and elsewhere.

The Commission then proceeded to consider the agenda.

1. Election of Chairman:

Mr. Bennett stated that the United States section took pleasure in nominating Mr. Cardona-Cooper to be Chairman for the current fiscal year. The Acting Chairman declared the nominations closed and announced the election of Mr. Cardona-Cooper by acclamation.

2. Election of Secretary:

Mr. Cardona-Cooper nominated Mr. Milton C. James as Secretary. In so doing he expressed his personal sorrow, and sympathy with Mr. James, in that he had been prevented from attending the meeting because of the death of his mother. Mr. Bennett seconded the nomination of Mr. James as Secretary and the Chairman announced that the election was unanimous.

Mr. Cardona-Cooper requested that Dr. Chapman continue as Acting Chairman for the first meeting, and that Miss Davies act as Secretary in the absence of Mr. James. This was agreed to by both sections.

3. Selection of Site for Headquarters:

There was a discussion on the subject of a permanent site for the Commission's headquarters and it was pointed out that there were certain advantages in having the headquarters located at San Pedro, California, which is within the Los Angeles city limits. It was decided to defer determination of permanent headquarters and to have temporary headquarters in Los Angeles, California, at such location as might be convenient.

4. Appointment of Director of Investigations:

Dr. Chapman read from the Convention Section 13 of Article I stating the duties of the Director of Investigations and Article II stating the duties of the Commission which are to be carried out through its Director of Investigations. He stated that the Director must of necessity be a man qualified to perform those duties. The Chairman then read the following draft resolution:

Resolved: That the Director of Investigations shall be experienced and thoroughly qualified to carry out the duties enumerated in Section 13, Article I of the Convention. In addition to his administrative qualifications he shall have such scientific competence as will enable him to direct the program of investigation set forth in Article II of the Convention.

Mr. Bennett moved that the resolution as read be adopted as the sense and judgment of the Commission. Mr. Cardona-Cooper having agreed, the Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

Mr. Bennett offered a motion to adopt certain recommendations of the United States Advisory Committee which, after revision, were unanimously adopted as follows:

- a. That a Director of Investigations be employed at the earliest opportunity after the Commission has the necessary appropriations.
- b. That the Advisory Committee deliver a list of qualified persons to the Secretary of the Commission at his call.
- c. That immediate preliminary contact be established by the Commission with prospective Directors of Investigations to determine availability for employment.

The question of the salary to be offered the Director of Investigations was discussed and agreement was reached that the salary should be adequate to attract a man of the highest qualifications. The figure of \$10,300.00 was suggested. Mr. Cardona-Cooper felt that a sum sufficient to attract a man of the necessary qualifications should be authorized. He stated

that the success or failure of the Commission's work would depend largely upon the selection of a competent Director and that the Commission should not risk losing a good candidate because the salary offered was not sufficiently attractive.

Mr. Bennett stated that preliminary investigation had indicated the sum of \$10,300.00 to be adequate for a man of highest qualifications and that, in the event no such highly qualified man were available, he felt the Commission should authorize no more than \$10,300.00 in order that a lower salary might be paid for a man of lower qualifications. The motion was then offered and unanimously carried: That the salary of the Director of Investigations shall be not to exceed \$10,300.00 per annum.

5. Advisory Committee:

Mr. Bennett asked that a new matter be introduced at this point and the formation of the Advisory Committee to the United States section was announced, the members being as follows:

Mr. Henry Niemala, Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union,  
Astoria, Oregon;

Mr. Tom Sandoz, Columbia River Packers Association,  
Astoria, Oregon;

Mr. John Real, Fishermen's Cooperative Association of San Pedro,  
San Pedro, California;

Mr. James Waugh, Cannery Workers Union of the Pacific, A.F.L.,  
Terminal Island, California;

Mr. Montgomery Philster, Van Camp Sea Food Company, Inc.,  
Terminal Island, California;

Mr. Harold F. Cary, American Tunaboot Association,  
San Diego, California;

Mr. J. J. Camillo, Lower California Fisheries Association,  
San Diego, California

Mr. Cardona-Cooper stated that the Costa Rican section had not yet established an Advisory Committee. Dr. Chapman explained the importance of the function of the Advisory Committee to the United States section so far as the United States' concept of the function of the Commission is concerned.

6. Program of Activities for Fiscal Year 1951:

The Chairman read a draft resolution, which, after amendment, was unanimously adopted as follows:

Resolved: That the Commission adopt the following program of work to be undertaken during the year ending June 30, 1951, this program, however, to be contingent upon the hiring of a Director of Investigations and recruitment of a staff adequate to proceed with its accomplishment, and to be subject to such modification, within the terms of the Convention, as may be later recommended by the Director of Investigations, and approved by the Commission:

- a. Assemble records of past fishing operations from all available sources and commence the analysis of these records for studying the development of the tuna fisheries and assessing, if possible, the present condition of the tuna stock therefrom;
- b. Conduct preliminary studies of tuna bait species for planning comprehensive investigations of the species as required, including among the first steps the establishment as soon as may be practicable of a regional office at Puntarenas for this purpose.
- c. Conduct preliminary collection of biological materials aboard commercial fishing vessels at sea for orienting the planning of investigations into the biology, life history, ecology and population dynamics of the tuna and tuna-like fishes;

- d. Assemble and analyze existing data on the oceanography of the region, particularly as related to the tuna fisheries and;
- e. Design and put into effect a system of biological examination of tunas when landed, to provide basic data for interpreting the biology, life history and population dynamics of each of the several species.

In addition, plans may be made for the acquisition, in the following fiscal year, of adequate laboratory facilities and a research vessel.

7. Budget of Joint Expenses for the Fiscal Year:

The Chairmen read a draft resolution which, after discussion, was modified and unanimously adopted as follows:

Resolved: That the following budget of joint expenses for the year ending June 30, 1951, be and it is hereby adopted; and

Further resolved: That the Commission recommend said budget to the respective Governments for their approval; and

Further resolved: That the Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to transmit said budget to the Secretary of State for the United States of America and Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Costa Rica:

Budget of Joint Expenses (Fiscal Year 1951):

01	Personal Services, Total	\$ 56,525
02	Travel	8,000
03	Transportation of Things	900
04	Communication Services	1,000
05	Rents and Utility Services	5,000
06	Printing and Binding	3,800
07	Contractual Services	3,000
08	Supplies and Materials	3,000
09	Equipment	<u>21,000</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 102,225</u>

Personal Services Breakdown:

01.10	Salaries, permanent full time employees	
	Professional service:	
	Director of Investigations	\$ 10,300
	Assistant Director of Investigations	7,600
	Senior scientist	6,400
	Senior scientist	5,400
	Instrument designer	5,400
	Junior scientist	4,600
	Junior scientist	3,825
	Junior scientist	3,825
	Junior scientist	3,100
	Sub-professional service:	
	Scientific assistant	3,825
	Scientific assistant	2,875
	Scientific assistant	2,875
	Scientific assistant	2,650
	Scientific assistant	2,650
	Clerical, Administrative and fiscal service:	
	Administrative assistant	5,000
	Fiscal and accounting clerk	3,825
	Secretary, stenographic	3,100
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	Clerk-stenographer	2,875
	Clerk-stenographer	2,650
	Key-punch operator	2,650
	Unclassified service:	
	Vessel master	5,000
	Chief Engineer	<u>4,000</u>
	Total permanent	97,525
	Deduct Lapses	<u>50,000</u>
	Net permanent	47,525
01.20	W.A.E. employment	<u>9,000</u>
		<u>\$ 56,525</u>



8. Proration of Joint Expenses:

After discussion the following motion was offered and unanimously adopted: That this Commission recommend to the Government of Costa Rica and the United States of America that the United States pay  $97\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the joint expenses of the Commission and that the Republic of Costa Rica pay  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the joint expenses for the fiscal year 1951.

It was pointed out that no accurate statistics are presently available but the proportion agreed upon is deemed to be arrived at on the best information and advice available in accordance with the formula set forth in the Convention and that this proportion is adopted temporarily to be revised whenever accurate utilization statistics are available, to enable the Commission to divide the joint expenses in accordance with the terms of the Convention.

9. Adoption of Fiscal Year:

After discussion the following motion was offered and unanimously adopted: That the fiscal year of the Commission for monetary purposes will run from July 1 to June 30, this to apply to fiscal matters only and not necessarily to the collection of statistics or other matters.

10. Adoption of Rules of Procedure:

After discussion the following motion was offered and unanimously adopted: That for the time being and with such modifications as the Commissioners may desire to invoke from time to time, Roberts' Rules of Order be adopted as the rules of procedure for the Commission.

The Commission adjourned for luncheon at 12:30 P. M. to reconvene at about 2:00 P. M.

11. Other Business:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:40 P. M. and asked that before consideration of the last two items on the agenda the Commission might consider any other business to come before the meeting. Mr. Cardona-Cooper moved that the Commission send to Mr. Milton C. James a telegram of condolence upon the death of his mother. The United States members expressed their sympathy and agreement with the suggestion. Mr. Bennett was requested to draft a telegram.

12. Time of Second Meeting:

After discussion it was decided that the time of the second meeting could not now be determined and therefore the meeting should be held at the call of the Chairman.

13. Place of Second Meeting:

It was pointed out that it would probably be desirable to hold meetings alternately in the United States and Costa Rica but that it might be necessary on occasion to hold emergency meetings at whatever place would be most convenient for the occasion. Mr. Cardona-Cooper stated the desire of his Government that the second meeting should be held in Costa Rica.

After further discussion the Chairman stated it to be the sense of the meeting that the next regular meeting be held in Costa Rica, subject to any necessary extra meeting being called by the Chairman at another location.

14. Method of Selecting a Director of Investigation:

Mr. Phister inquired whether the Commission had decided upon the method of selecting a Director; that is, whether by correspondence or whether by action taken at a meeting. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that an effort would be made to arrive at a decision by correspondence but, if agreement could not be reached by that method, a meeting of the Commission would be held.

15. Cooperation with State of California:

The Chairman asked if there were further business to come before the meeting. Mr. Richard S. Croker, head of the California Bureau of Marine Fisheries, asked to speak on behalf of the California Division of Fish and Game. He expressed pleasure at the prospect of the functioning of the new Commission and stated that the California Fish and Game Commission staff would look forward to working in close cooperation with the staff of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and particularly with the Costa Ricans.

Mr. Cardona-Cooper expressed his appreciation of Mr. Croker's remarks and assured him that the same anticipation was felt by the Costa Ricans.

16. Expressions of Appreciation:

Mr. Bennett expressed the appreciation of the Commission for the presence and cooperation of Mr. Frederick J. Cunningham of the United States Embassy in Costa Rica. He also expressed the appreciation of the Commission for the good work and help that has been given this Commission project from the beginning by Dr. Chapman and other members of the State Department.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

Isla V. Davies  
Acting Secretary /s/