

1. FINANCE:

The probable cost of the Commission during its first year would be in the region of 40,000 dollars.

This estimate is to some extent based upon the present expenditure incurred by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, but it must be recognized that the cost of that organization cannot be used as an accurate guide to the possible cost of the new Commission on account of the rather specific and long-standing nature of its set-up. The precise amount would necessarily depend upon various considerations such as the location and cost of the office of the Commission for which certain facilities might be available either in the United States or in Canada.

2. STAFF:

(1) It is desirable that the Executive Secretary of the Commission should be a biologist. At the same time it is still more important that he should be a man with great administrative and statistical ability. It should also be understood that after the Commission had begun to function normally it would probably be necessary at an early date to increase the staff by the addition of, for example, a statistician.

(2) The responsibilities of the staff of the Commission shall be exclusively international in character and they shall not seek or receive instructions in regard to the discharge of their functions from any authority external to the Commission. The Contracting Governments should fully respect the international character of the responsibilities of the staff and not seek to influence any of their nationals in the discharge of such responsibilities.

3. SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION:

(1) In the field of scientific investigations the Commission should be primarily responsible for: (a) arrangement for and coordination of work by agencies, and (b) establishment of working relationships with international agencies. It is important, for the purposes of the Convention, that enlarged and coordinate scientific investigations should be carried out and such investigations in so far as possible should be conducted by agencies of the Contracting Governments or by public or private agencies (e.g., universities or private marine research laboratories). If investigations necessary to the purposes of the Convention cannot be arranged through existing Government, public, or private agencies, they should be undertaken by the Commission, but only in accordance with approved budgets. It is not contemplated that any such investigations conducted by Commission personnel or equipment would include field operations.

(2) The need for thorough consideration of the problems facing the Commission is paramount, and considerable time will be needed for assembling the material required for a determination of those problems. An informal interim committee of biologists might well be asked to assemble such material in advance of the coming into effect of the Convention, and the Government of Canada might take the initial measures to this end.