

6. (a) Any advisory committee which, pursuant to Article II of the Convention, may be appointed by each Government for a particular lake, shall be invited to all non-executive meetings of the Commission or its respective National Sections at which matters concerning that lake are to be considered, and shall be given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed fishing regulations and other decisions relating to that lake.

(b) Regulations made by the Commission, or by the United States Section for Lake Michigan, shall be submitted forthwith to any pertinent advisory committee or committees and shall not be submitted to the Governor General of Canada or to the President of the United States of America for approval until after forty-five days from the day on which they were made, unless all the pertinent advisory committees express their consent to the regulations prior to such time. The advisory committee or committees shall consider such regulations and shall comment thereon to the Commission or to the United States Section for Lake Michigan. If prior to the expiration of the period of forty-five days the Commission shall be requested by any such advisory committee to reconsider such regulations or any portion thereof, the Commission or the United States Section for Lake Michigan shall undertake such reconsideration prior to submitting the regulations to the Governor General of Canada or to the President of the United States of America for approval.

(c) Emergency regulations and decisions may be made without opportunity for examination and recommendation by the pertinent advisory committee or committees. Such emergency regulations and decisions shall not be operative for more than one year and may not be renewed without full opportunity for examination and recommendation by the advisory committee or committees.

7. For the purpose of considering and making regulations regarding fishing in the Great Lakes, the Commission, or in the case of Lake Michigan the United States Section alone, shall meet at least twice a year and one of these meetings shall be designated by the Chairman and Secretary as the annual meeting. The date and place of the annual meeting and of such other meetings as may be necessary at any time shall be agreed upon by the Chairman and the Secretary except that only the representative of the United States of America holding the office of the Chairman or the Secretary shall call meetings of the United States Section for Lake Michigan.

8. Prior to any meeting at which regulations for any of the Great Lakes are to be voted upon, a hearing or hearings shall be held by the Commission, or in the case of Lake Michigan by the United States Section, at a place or places near that lake, which shall be open to fishermen and other persons in either country interested in the problems of that lake: Provided that in the event of emergency circumstances meetings may be held without such hearings. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent either National Section from holding hearings within its own country at its discretion.

9. The Commission shall publish biennially, or more frequently as it judges desirable, reports of its activities and recommendations, as well as such publications as it may see fit of a scientific nature or other public information, and may also arrange to publish the results of the research of collaborating and associated agencies.

10. Regulations made and approved under Article IV of the Convention shall not become effective until one year from the date when the Convention comes into force.