The Commission studied the matter which is presently disturbing the public most: the construction of a conduit for diverting the waste waters of the Baykal Pulp and Paper Combine into the Irkut River. Now, on the initiative of the Interdepartmental Commission, a group of ecological experts is appraising a construction feasibility estimate.

The Commission also heard and discussed reports on progress in formulating a master concept for developing the Lake Baykal Region; the creation of an integrated territorial natural conservation scheme; the state of affairs in the national parks; the elaboration of scientific standards relating to impact on the Baykal ecosystem, and others.

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