

Order Paper Questions

- (ii) review of policy options respecting conservation measures and resource management priorities including specification of alternative policy options and assessment of the implications associated with each option.
- (b) The board has representatives of five provincial governments, commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen, native peoples and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The board is constituted as follows:
 - a chairman, appointed by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
 - a vice-chairman, appointed by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
 - four members representing the department
 - one representative from each of the five Atlantic region provincial governments
 - six members representing commercial Atlantic salmon fishing interests
 - five members representing Atlantic salmon sports fishing interests
 - two members representing native fishermen
 - one member acting as scientific adviser to the board
- (c) The board has met twice:
 - (i) Fredericton: February 13, 1980
 - (ii) Quebec City: March 27, 28, 1980

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-June in Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

2. On February 13, at Fredericton, New Brunswick, three recommendations were issued:

- (i) The Atlantic Salmon Board recommends that compensation to bona fide commercial salmon fishermen be continued during 1980 in order to give the board time to evaluate alternative proposals relating to future commercial Atlantic salmon fisheries.
- (ii) The board recommends that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans prepare initial recommendations to reduce interceptions of Atlantic salmon in distant fisheries for discussion at the next Atlantic Salmon Board meeting.
- (iii) The board recommended that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans encourage his provincial counterparts in Quebec, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia to enter into an Atlantic salmon tagging program comparable to the program that will be initiated in New Brunswick in 1980.

On March 27 and 28, 1980, at Quebec City, P.Q., it was recommended under the following headings:

- (a) Terms of Reference
It is recommended that:

- (i) the terms of reference as proposed, be amended to ensure that the board report to the hon. Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.
- (ii) that the board be free to hold the number of meetings necessary, and that funds be allocated to enable the board to respond to its needs, and that the frequency of board meetings should not be unduly restricted by budgetary or other constraints.
- (iii) that the proposed terms of reference be amended to ensure that reports to the hon. minister be made available to the public on a current basis.
- (b) Interceptions
 - (i) to reduce the Newfoundland commercial fishing effort by eliminating all but bona fide fishermen.
 - (ii) to standardize the type and quantity of gear used by bona fide fishermen.
 - (iii) to licence and control the gear of the cod, mackerel and herring fishermen.
 - (iv) that the opening of the Newfoundland commercial salmon fishing season be delayed until June 1, or later in coastal areas of Newfoundland where data indicates that such a delay in the opening could help achieve the objective of minimizing the interception of Atlantic salmon of mainland origin.
- (c) Enhancement Task Force

The board recommends the establishment of a Federal-Provincial Atlantic Salmon Board technical team from the five Atlantic provinces to identify the potential for enhancement, identify objectives, coordinate strategy and to report back to the board by October, 1980.

INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE—GRAINS GROUP

Question No. 909—**Mr. McKnight:**

1. For each year 1976 to date, what was the total number of staff assigned to the grains group under the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce?
2. (a) What is the total budget allocated to the grains group (b) what amount was allocated for (i) travel (ii) accommodation (iii) other expenses for each trip in the years 1976, 1977 and 1978?
3. What was the total budget allocated to the grains group for research into potential markets for grain in (a) 1976 (b) 1977 (c) 1978 (d) 1979?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: 1. From 1976 to date—Six.

2. 1976/77—\$2,005,200 was allocated to the grains group for operating costs; of this amount \$119,000 was provided for travel and accommodation and all other expenses related to travel.