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FISHERY CONFERENCE ACCEPTS MANY RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations which had been introduced from time to time during the working session of the FAO International Conference on Fish in Nutrition, were accepted by the conference in its final session September 27, 1961, for transmittal to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy.

The recommendations called for the establishment of training centers to help developing countries train fishery technologists, the establishment of several standards for basic fishery products, more research and dissemination of the results, and the development of methods to better assess the fishery potential of the oceans.

The recommendations presented by the United States delegation called for a working party to get the answers to the hotly disputed questions regarding the probable maximum catch of commercial fish in the sea; a working committee to establish standards for fish flour and fish meal; standards for the classification of fish meal, flour, paste, and other items used or to be used for human food; urged extensive research in the field of nutrition and health which would include the use of fish oil as a cholesterol depressant, more knowledge on coronary ailments and other relationships between diet and human well being.

Mexico brought in a recommendation for the establishment of training centers for fishery technologists, stressing the need for such trained persons in Latin America and Africa. Several nations joined in urging regional training centers based upon a pattern set recently by the Tokai Regional Fisheries Laboratory in Tokyo, Japan. Still other nations recommended symposiums covering the significance of fundamental research in the successful utilization of fish.

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