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PREFACE

At the meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea in 1937, the following Recommendation was made by the Consultative Committee and passed by the Council:

"The Consultative Committee requested the Chairmen of the several Area Committees to prepare short reports summarizing what is actually known about the rate of growth of the principal food fishes in their area and indicating their views as to the conditions which determine the growth. The reports to be considered at a Special Scientific Meeting next year."

In answer to this request the sixteen contributions of this volume were received, some, however, so late that it would not have been possible to study the papers properly prior to the Special Scientific Meeting held on May 26th, 1938. At the first sitting of the Consultative Committee during the 1938 Council Meeting — on May 25th — the Chairman, Professor H j o r t, and Dr. A. B ü c k m a n n were requested to summarize the contents of the contributions to the Special Meeting in order that everybody interested might be given ample time for a minute study of the information compiled and the views given in relation to the question of growth in course of 1938—39 — and to enable them to add further information or to prepare further views for a discussion to take place at the Council Meeting in 1939.

The summaries prepared accordingly by Professor H j o r t and Dr. B ü c k m a n n are published as an Introduction to the Volume; Dr. B ü c k m a n n's summary specially dealing with the views of the contributions while Professor H j o r t's summary is shaped as "General Ideas" on the important question of growth-rate.

After a short discussion it was agreed to postpone the meeting until next year in order to give all members time for the study of the contributions from the different areas, and to recommend

"That the subject for the Scientific Biological Meeting next year should be the study of the relation between catch and intensity of fishing discussed both from a theoretical and a practical standpoint."

The contributions have not been arranged in any special order — neither as to area nor species —; they are published as to order of receipt from the authors.

Administrative Secretary.