has been suggested that the word, "international", be substituted in the above remarks where the word, "national", is used.

Dr. Needham further suggested that recommendation would be made to the Society that instead of having the vice-presidents from divisions, each head of a regional division be asked to report on the conditions in his region and the work they are going to do.

He also stated that it was felt that, in order to maintain the united front of the main body of the Society, the \$3.00 membership dues should go directly to Russ Hunter, Secretary of the Society.

It was decided that the best way to handle a constitution and by-laws would be to draw up a rough draft and set up the necessary committees. Two committees mentioned were a Committee on State and National Relations and a Committee for Publications.

A discussion followed on the slowness with which papers, etc., were put into publication, and it was thought that this would be improved barrors very long.

Dr. Rawson suggested that instead of the suggested change reading, "All members of the American Fisheries Society shall automatically be considered as members of the parent body," it read, "Members of the Western Division are automatically members of the parent Society." And also that it state, "The Western Division should have at least one member on each of the committees."

Dr. Needham stated that a rough draft of a constitution are by-laws for the Vestern Division should be sent to each member residing in the eleven Western states. He also suggested that it be left to Mr. Butler as to the area of Canada that would be included in the Western Division.

Allan C. Taft of the <u>Resolutions Committee</u> then gave the following resolutions:

-Regarding Passegs of the Dingle Mil-

WHEREAS: The Fittman-Robertson Law has materially benefited the wildlife resources of the United States and their proper management, and

WHEREAS: The Dingle Bill will benefit aquatic resources on a parallel basis by providing funds for fish cultural activities, and

WHEREAS: Fresent tax on fishing tackle is now going into the general treasury of the United States and in expended for other purposes than fisheries conservation work, and

WHEREAS: The Western Division of the American Pisheries Society has considered this bill at its annual meeting held in Salt Lake City, June 2, 3, and 4, 1948,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society urges that prompt passage of the Dingle Bill be made in order that aid on ilsheries progress may be started in the near future, and

BE IT FURTHER RECOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the members of each congressional delegation of the eleven Western States, and to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(Motion for acceptance of this resolution was made by Mr. Taft, seconded by Mr. C.J.D. Brown, and was passed unanimously.)

-The Eogue River Project-

WHEREAS, The Rogue River fishery produces an annual return to Gregon and to the nation of over two million dollars a year, and

WHEREAS, its fame as a salmon and steelhead stream is world-wide and is one of the last remaining primitive areas on the Pacific Coast, and

WHEREAS, the dams proposed by the Durems of Reclamation under Plans A and B would cause annual losses to the fishery over eight hundred thousand dollars per year in the case of Plan A, and over one hundred seventy-four thousand dollars per year under Plan B; and the power dams proposed for the lower Rogue at Copper Canyon and Rainey Falls would block the lower river and spell the complete doom of the fish runs there; and the Clear Creek and Bald Mountain Bans on the lower Illinois would destroy for all time the fish runs in the Illinois system; and the series of six power dams proposed for construction above Prospect on the Upper Rogue would ruin one of the most beautiful recreational streams and areas in the Northwest,

THEREFORE BE IT RECOVED that in view of the above facts and in view of the losses the would result, this Society stands analterably opposed to any such power, irrigation and flood control in the Rogue River System, and it is recommended, therefore, that the U.S. Bureas of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers immediately abandon all plans for any water development program in the Rogue River Basin; and that the Rogue River be set aside by the Congress of the United States for a steelhead and salmon preserve for all time and that the act specifically state that no additional dams be constructed at any point or time on the main river from its headwaters to the Pacific Ocean, and

BE IT JURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of the Interior, the Chief of the Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C., and the representatives of the Western States in the Congress.

(Mr. Taft made the motion for adoption of this resolution. Request was made to have it sent also to Fr. Ira W. Gabrielson, and Dr. Needham asked that the resolution be changed to read that way. Motion was seconded by Mr. Holloway and passed unanimously.)

-Appreciation to Local Committee-

THEREAS, The Western Association of State Came and Fish Commissioners has extended to the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society the greatest degree of cooperation and assistance in the arrangements for this meeting, and

WHEREAS, this assistance and hospitality are gratefully acknowledged by the Western Division.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society extends its sincere thanks to the officers and members of the Western Association of Care and Fish Commissioners, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Decretary of the Society is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the Western Association.

(Vote was unanimous.)

-Appreciation to Fred A. Thompson-

WHEREAS, Mr. Fred A. Thompson of New Mexico has acted during the past year as provisional chairmen of the Interim Western Division. and

WHEREAS, he has labored conscientiously and effectively to bring the new organization into being.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members here in attendance at the first meeting of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society do extend to Fred A. Thompson the retianks and commendation for the services so ably rendered.

(Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.)

-Appreciation to M. J. Madson-

WHEREAS, Mr. M. J. Hadsen of Uteh has acted ably end labored for the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society during the past year, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Madsen has, under severe difficulties, arranged for and prepared a worthwhile and interesting program for this first meeting,

THEREFORE BE IT RECOLVED that the sincere thanks of the Society are extended to Mr. Madsen and to those who assisted him through the preparation and presentation of a valuable series of papers.

(Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.)

Dr. Needham asked for a discussion on an official name for the new division, stating that "Western Division of the American Fisheries Society" had been suggested.