

45. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON OCEAN RESOURCES - W.O. 5891.

The Executive Officer reported that the Governor's Advisory Commission on Ocean Resources met on October 22 and 23, 1965, to prepare recommendations based on a review of a report prepared by the Institute of Marine Resources at Scripps Institute of Oceanography, entitled "California and Use of the Ocean", and on three subcommittee reports entitled (1) "Evaluation of Technological Manpower and Industrial Capabilities", (2) "Program Proposals in Marine Resources Development", and (3) "Organizational Structure of the State for Research and Management of Marine Resources".

The following statement, of particular interest to the State Lands Commission, was quoted from the report of the subcommittee on Organizational Structure of the State for Research and Management of Marine Resources, which was accepted by the full Governor's Advisory Commission on October 23:

"In some instances, notably the offshore oil development, the State has treated the resource as if it were a business opportunity, has planned competently, and at times even brilliantly and we see no reason that this class of treatment will not continue in the future.

"The State has established an excellent record in its handling of the petroleum resources. ~~The story is relatively recent, dating to the Federal Submerged Lands Act of 1953.~~ The written records show that early in the game the executive and legislative branches showed keen interest in trying to provide a hospitable environment for the oil industry so as to maximize the long-term economic gain to the State. At the same time it was cognizant of the social and recreational implications and restricted the oil industry where necessary. One may quarrel with some of the particular decisions reached by the State, but only on the basis of personal preference or bias...."