

parts of the marine environment. The latter subject, which was not included in the questionnaire, has been incorporated into the program proposed in this report. The individual studies of the mechanisms or processes will be vital for the development of insights and of the understanding of the marine ecosystem.

In addition to replying to the questionnaire, many of the scientists wrote very thoughtful letters which have included a number of suggestions for the further development of the International Biological Program. It should be emphasized that the character of the final program will ultimately be determined by the scientists who are participating in it. The objectives of the National Committee are to encourage research and education in the field of marine biology and to provide the opportunity for cooperative effort. Your active collaboration in the further development of the program is earnestly solicited. You are urged to pass on this report and other information about IBP to your colleagues and students who may be interested in the program.

It is apparent that the coastal regions of the United States are so diverse that it would be unrealistic to attempt to develop a single marine program for the entire country. Five regional ad hoc planning committees have been established as follows:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Convener</u>
North Atlantic -----	B. H. Ketchum
Mid-Atlantic -----	L. A. Walford
South Atlantic and Gulf Coast -----	D. E. Wohlschlag
South Pacific and ----- Hawaii -----	F. T. Haxo V. E. Brock
North Pacific and Alaska -----	D. L. Ray