

In June 1974, the Government of British Columbia presented a "Request in the Application" to the IJC challenging the validity of the 1942 order. No decision was reached by the IJC on the "request" pending further discussions between the Government of British Columbia and the city of Seattle. In August 1980, the Province of British Columbia submitted to the IJC a further "Request in Application", again challenging the legal validity of the 1942 order. The submission may raise a number of significant issues in IJC jurisdiction, including the jurisdiction of the Commission to consider such a request and to vary or rescind previous orders.

Two rounds of discussions were held between officials of the Governments of Canada and Denmark during 1980 on the draft agreement between the two countries on cooperation relating to the marine environment. The draft agreement covers waters between Canada and Greenland and provides inter alia for notification and consultation prior to the initiation of works or undertakings which may result in pollution incidents, as well as for the exchange of scientific and other information relating to the marine environment. Although the draft agreement was refined and brought nearer completion, further discussions will be held to resolve remaining issues, including the question of routing of vessels.

