

Brussels, we hope Mr. Marin will agree with this essential step for conservation co-operation, and also with strengthened surveillance and control to ensure quotas are not exceeded."

In recent years, the EC has made extensive use of the NAFO objection procedure to reject quotas for stocks that had been voted on by NAFO members. The objection procedure expires after a 60-day period and the EC must indicate its intentions prior to December 11, 1990.

The November 30 discussions follow high-level diplomatic meetings involving Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark, Mr. Crosbie and Mr. Valcourt as part of Canada's efforts to describe to EC decision-makers the problem of overfishing in the northwest Atlantic. Canada continues to stress the serious environmental and socio-economic impact of overfishing outside the 200-mile zone, and to seek EC compliance with NAFO conservation decisions.

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