

**PROVISIONAL RULES OF NAVIGATION AND FISHERIES SAFETY IN THE  
NORTHEASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN OFF THE COAST OF CANADA**

The "Rules" shall apply eastward of 135 degrees 00 minutes west longitude and between 48 degrees 20 minutes north latitude and 54 degrees 10 minutes north latitude.

**1. IDENTIFICATION AND MARKING OF FISHING VESSELS**

1.1. Each fishing vessel shall carry a national flag in good condition to be shown at the request of the competent authorities, including captains of fishing vessels.

1.2. The nationality of fishing vessels shall not be concealed in any manner whatsoever.

1.3. Fishing vessels of the two countries shall be registered and carry identification marks to ensure their prompt identification at sea.

1.4. Each fishing vessel shall carry on board an official document, issued by the competent authority of its country, showing the name, if any, and description of the vessel, its nationality, its registration letter or letters and number, name of the port of registration, as well as the name of the owner of the vessel.

1.5. The Parties shall officially inform each other of their practices of marking vessels with registration letters and numbers, and name of the port of registration. Each Party shall immediately inform the other of any changes.

**2. MARKING OF NETS, LONGLINES AND OTHER FISHING GEAR**

2.1. Nets, longlines and other gear anchored in the sea, as well as nets and longlines drifting in the sea shall have identification marks to indicate their position and extent.

*Anchored fishing gear*

2.2. The ends of nets, longlines and other fishing gear anchored in the sea shall be fitted with flag or radar reflector buoys by day and light buoys by night sufficient to indicate their position and extent. Such lights shall be visible at a distance of at least two miles in good visibility.

2.3. By day the westernmost (meaning the half compass circle from south through west to and including north) end buoy of such fishing gear extending horizontally in the sea shall be fitted with two flags one above the other or one flag and a radar reflector, and the easternmost (meaning the half compass circle from north through east to and including south) end buoy shall be fitted with one flag or a radar reflector. By night the westernmost end buoy shall be fitted with two white lights and the easternmost end buoy with one white light. In addition, a buoy fitted with one flag or a radar reflector by day and one white light by night may be set 70 to 100 meters from each end buoy to indicate the direction of the fishing gear.

2.4. On such fishing gear extending more than one mile, additional buoys shall be placed at distances of not more than one mile so that no part of the