

Polish and Canadian representatives met in Warsaw on January 19 and 20, 1976, to discuss their future cooperation in the field of fisheries. The delegation of the Polish Peoples' Republic was led by Mr. E. Wisniewski, Vice Minister of Foreign Trade and Maritime Economy. The Canadian delegation was led by Mr. L.H.J. Legault, Director-General, International Fisheries and Marine Directorate, Department of the Environment.

The meeting carried forward discussions held in Ottawa from November 25 to 27, 1975, on a bilateral agreement on fisheries cooperation to establish the terms and conditions governing continued fishing by the Polish fleet in waters off Canada's coasts, taking into account anticipated legal and jurisdictional changes in the regime of fisheries management in such waters and traditional Polish fishing. Short term arrangements regarding Polish fishing off the Pacific coast were also discussed.

On the basis of proposals put forward by the Canadian and Polish representatives, the two sides agreed on the terms of an agreement which, if approved by both governments, would permit Polish vessels to fish in the areas to be brought under Canadian jurisdiction beyond the present limits of the Canadian territorial sea and fishing zones, under Canadian authority and control, for resources surplus to Canadian requirements.

A second agreement, if approved, would establish the short term arrangements concerning the conduct of present Polish fishing in waters off Canada's Pacific coast. It includes provisions covering the species to be caught, quotas, closed areas and cooperative arrangements to ensure compliance with the agreement. There is also a provision relating to Polish loading and unloading operations.

The proposed agreements will now be submitted to the approval of the two governments.