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## FTA PANEL ON SALMON AND HERRING UPHOLDS CANADIAN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Ottawa, October 16, 1989 -- International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie and Fisheries and Oceans Minister Tom Siddon announced today that the government has received the final report of the Panel established under Chapter 18 of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement to examine Canada's landing requirements for Pacific salmon and herring.

"The Panel has accepted the legitimacy of Canada's position on the use of these landing requirements to conserve and manage these important fisheries", Mr. Crosbie said.

"While detailed comment will need to await our consultations with the industry and provincial authorities, I am pleased that the Panel has fully recognized that it is the sovereign right of Canada to decide on particular conservation policies to be pursued. The Panel confirmed that the trade interests of other states could not override legitimate, scientifically-based management systems which ensure sustainable development of a renewable resource," Mr. Siddon said.

Although the Panel found that the application of Canada's landing requirements in this case was too comprehensive and that limited amounts of these fish (ranging from 10 to 20 percent) could be made available directly from Canadian fishermen to foreign buyers without first being landed, it was of the view that these sales had still to be subject to a range of conservation measures, Mr. Crosbie said.

"This was a specific recognition by the Panel that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, under Canada's fisheries legislation, will have the final authority in determining what precise conditions might be required, in accordance with necessary conservation constraints," concluded Mr. Siddon.

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