

Adjournment Debate

The plan was designed to focus on conservation of a particularly important species. The female salmon produces many eggs, and must therefore be protected. To achieve this goal, the commercial fishing season for salmon in all zones will be delayed and shortened. Furthermore, sports fishermen will be allowed to keep grilse only. This measure will also help to reduce the number of salmon intercepted while going up waterways on the West Coast of Newfoundland and inland waterways.

In addition to these crucial aspects, the plan will deal with all other facets of the salmon fisheries, including enhancing stocks, negotiating with native peoples, accidental salmon catches, extending the marking system, federal-provincial co-operation, revising policies on the issuing of licences and fishing operations west of Greenland. The Department hopes that it will be able to solve the problem by enforcing all these protective measures. Departmental officers responsible for these measures are now examining a new plan and reviewing

legislative and regulatory requirements for implementing the plan.

Mr. Speaker, the Department has no intention of expanding its overall capacity for enforcement of legislation regulations. However, its officers have been ordered to emphasize salmon in their plan for enforcement of legislation and regulations. Now that enforcement has proved encouraging and successful with respect to other major fisheries, resources will be assigned so as to focus operations on salmon conservation. It is recognized that the effects of restrictions on salmon fishing could very well be nil, if poaching is allowed to continue without appropriate corrective action.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order. The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6.30 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
