

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

Bearing in mind that, in conformity with international law, Canada and the United States of America have sovereignty over their internal waters and territorial seas (hereinafter referred to as "waters"), and have sovereign rights for the purpose of exploration, exploitation, conservation and management of the living marine resources within zones they have established, extending 200 nautical miles from their coasts (hereinafter referred to as "zones"), and have sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting the living resources of the continental shelf;

Recognizing that the Parties have adopted laws and regulations for the conservation and management of the living resources of their respective waters and zones;

Emphasizing the importance of effective enforcement of such laws and regulations to ensure conservation and management; and

Desiring to augment and make more effective coastal state enforcement of such laws and regulations;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

Each Party shall take appropriate measures consistent with international law to ensure that its nationals, residents and vessels do not violate, within the waters and zones of the other Party, the national fisheries laws and regulations of the other Party. Such measures shall include prohibitions on violating the fisheries laws and regulations of the other Party respecting gear stowage, fishing without authorization, and interfering with, resisting, or obstructing in any manner, efforts to enforce such laws and regulations; and may include such other prohibitions as each Party deems appropriate.

Article II

The Parties shall consult, as necessary, concerning the implementation of this Agreement, including:

- (a) effectiveness of penalties to deter violations by nationals, residents and vessels of a Party in the other Party's waters and zones;
- (b) the accuracy and consistency of navigational aids; and
- (c) standard fisheries law enforcement practices in the vicinity of maritime boundaries.

Article III

Each Party shall endeavour to inform persons conducting fishing operations in the vicinity of maritime boundaries about the expected fisheries law enforcement practices of the other Party.