

Under the settlement, Canada will require that all salmon and herring be brought to a registered landing station with up to 20 per cent of the allowable catch being made available for export by sea in 1990. In 1991 through 1993, up to 25 per cent of the catch will be accessible through at-sea landing stations, after inspection. The agreement will be reviewed in the fourth year, with the assistance of technical and industry advisors, in light of experience and prevailing conditions.

The agreement also contains provisions with respect to roe herring. The settlement constitutes a bi-national agreement as required under Canada's Export and Import Permits Act. Under this Act, Canada will control the export of roe herring to all destinations. However, exports will be permitted to the United States if processing or consumption is certified to take place there.

"This will help ensure that the herring roe extraction activity is maintained in Canada," Mr. Crosbie said.

"B.C. fishermen will be the first to benefit from this agreement. The agreement does not in any way impair the powers of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to manage B.C. salmon and herring resources," Mr. Siddon said.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is now preparing the implementation plan.

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