

positions. I would suggest that these working groups concentrate on the key issues, setting aside for the moment less important questions. On the Atlantic, I believe that we have reached agreement on the management regimes that would apply to all stocks with the exception of Georges Bank lobster and herring. As to entitlements, the most important differences concern Georges Bank scallops (particularly in the middle area), herring, cod and haddock, Canadian entitlements for Gulf of Maine herring and loligo squid off New England, U.S. entitlements for Nova Scotia groundfish, including redfish, and the access and sharing questions with respect to transboundary stocks of mackerel and pollock.

On the Pacific, we should review again where we stand with respect to halibut and groundfish and the question of herring off Juan de Fuca.

When these working groups have finished their review, the Chief Negotiators could consider the extent to which the gaps can be narrowed or eliminated.

In the meantime, while our fisheries working groups are conducting their review, a drafting team could get together to discuss the structure and outline of the comprehensive treaty we hope to conclude. Later I would hope that this drafting group could also have the benefit of input from advisors on some of the outstanding issues such as management standards and the treatment of surplus, so