

OVERFISHING

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, diplomatic efforts to halt the overfishing on the nose and tail of the Grand Banks have failed. The European Community, in particular Portugal and Spain, are treating the fishery as a resource to be mined. Sadly, like the buffalo and the passenger pigeon, this slaughter of dwindling stocks is a crime against the environment.

The time has come for Canada to declare the establishment of a custodial management zone over the marine resources that straddle and extend beyond the 200-mile zone. It must be made absolutely clear to the world community that this declaration is for conservation purposes.

World opinion will treat harshly any nation that allows its fleet to poach within the boundaries of this new conservation zone.

I say shame on those who fearmonger to Canadians that this declaration would create a military confrontation with the fish pirates.

World opinion is overwhelming for the protection of endangered species and stocks and it is our responsibility to protect the dwindling stocks of the Grand Banks from destruction.

It may be diplomatically polite to wait until the stocks are extinct and the fleet goes elsewhere to fish but that is the politics of failure and stupidity.

The declaration must take effect no later than January 1, 1993.

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AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Space Agency has a mandate to distribute 10 per cent of the government's space contracts to Atlantic Canada.

Atlantic Canada has a growing aerospace industry with many changes and developments in manufacturing, research and development and it is anxious to work with the Space Agency and with the Department of Industry, Science and Technology to achieve this 10 per cent goal.

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Recent additions to the Atlantic aerospace industry include world-class CAD/CAM machining facilities, electrical harness plants, and a new fuselage components factory in Amherst.

The department and its officials, as well as the Canadian Space Agency must work with the industry in Atlantic Canada to identify areas where progress can be made toward achieving the regional mandate of the agency of having 10 per cent of the space contracts being done in Atlantic Canada.

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LOBSTER FISHERY

Mr. Joe McGuire (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I would like to raise two issues of concern to the province of Prince Edward Island lobster fishing industry.

The first involves lobster carapace size.

The P.E.I. legislative assembly has unanimously endorsed a resolution asking the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to freeze further scheduled carapace size increases and to carry out an impact study of the increases already in effect. These increases have led to lower catches and decreased incomes for many of our fishermen.

As well, it has been established that there is a substantial world market for smaller lobster. DFO regulations are preventing our fishermen from sharing in this market.

It has also been scientifically established that conservation of the stocks is not a problem and does not require these measures.

Therefore I would urge the minister to react positively to this request and implement the freeze.

The second issue concerns the problem of poaching.

Our legitimate fishermen need to have their industry and themselves protected from poachers. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans at present is simply not doing the job.

If the department does not have the human or financial resources to do its job then it should ask the Department of National Defence for help. We need surveillance on both land and water if we hope to solve this problem.