

FISHERIES SECTOR : QUESTION #3

Considering the spirit of trade liberalization, will a NAFTA not force Canada to permit lower standards of fish and aquaculture products into Canada?

RESPONSE:

- WE WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT WHICH WILL DIMINISH OUR ABILITY TO CONTROL TO THE QUALITY OF IMPORTS. THE NAFTA WILL ENSURE THAT PROTECTION STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THIS GOVERNMENT AND BY THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO ARE SCIENTIFICALLY JUSTIFIABLE, THUS CREATING A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL THREE SIGNATORIES.

FISHERIES SECTOR : QUESTION #4

Will the liberalization of protective measures under a NAFTA force changes to Canadian restriction on labelling of tuna?

RESPONSE:

- THE PROTECTION OF MARINE MAMMALS, SUCH AS DOLPHINS FROM INCIDENTAL INJURY OR DEATH IS A CONCERN OF THIS GOVERNMENT. THE MONITORING OF MARINE MAMMALS KILLS IN THE FISHING OF COMMERCIALY VALUABLE SPECIES WILL CONTINUE. THE LABELLING OF PACKAGING OF CANNED AND FRESH PRODUCE WILL CONTINUE. WE ENCOURAGE MEXICO TO VIGILENT IN THE PROTECTION OF NON-COMMERCIALY VIABLER SPECIES.