

cover the provisional duty liability. The final resolution of this investigation therefore hinges on the determination by the U.S. International Trade Commission of injury to the U.S. industry. It is the Canadian position that the economic problems of the U.S. industry are caused by high costs and depleted groundfish stocks and not Canadian imports.

The U.S. Commerce Department has been investigating a petition by the North Atlantic Fisheries Task Force, Gloucester, Mass. that the Canadian federal and certain provincial governments are providing subsidies to the production of fresh groundfish in Canada and that Canadian exports of such products to the U.S. have materially injured the U.S. industry. The U.S. petitioners are seeking countervailing duties to offset the benefit of these alleged subsidies.

In conclusion Ministers Kelleher and Siddon indicated that federal officials will be discussing the finding with the Canadian industry and affected provinces to consider Canada's response to the final determination.