

Canada-United States-Japan fisheries treaty

30. The Prime Minister said the Minister of Fisheries had reported that Canadian and U.S. officials had reached agreement on the kind of fisheries treaty to be negotiated with Japan. The most important provision would relate to the limitation of the international rights of fishing. Among the exceptions to the limitations would be one inserted at Canadian insistence to the effect that, because of intermingling of fishing stocks, operations and joint regulation programmes, neither Canada nor the United States would be asked to waive international fishing rights in the high seas contiguous to the coast of Canada or the United States from and including the Gulf of Alaska southward.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Memorandum, Minister of Fisheries, Oct. 16, 1951 - Cab. Doc. 269-51)

31. Mr. St-Laurent mentioned that it might be necessary for Mr. Mayhew to participate in the treaty discussions without returning to Ottawa for further consultation.

32. The Cabinet, after discussion:

(a) noted with approval the report of the Minister of Fisheries concerning proposed negotiations between Canada, the United States and Japan for the conclusion of a fisheries treaty; and,

(b) authorized participation on behalf of Canada in such negotiations and the initialling at the official level of a draft treaty if a satisfactory form were agreed on.

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