

PROTOCOL
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMENDING THE 1916 CONVENTION
BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS
IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America,
REAFFIRMING their commitment to achieving the purposes and objectives of the 1916
Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America for the Protection of
Migratory Birds in Canada and the United States;

DESIRING to amend and update the Convention to enable effective actions to be taken to
improve the conservation of migratory birds;

COMMITTED to the long-term conservation of shared species of migratory birds for their
nutritional, social, cultural, spiritual, ecological, economic, and aesthetic values through a more
comprehensive international framework that involves working together to cooperatively manage
their populations, regulate their take, protect the lands and waters on which they depend, and share
research and survey information;

AWARE that changes to the Convention are required to ensure conformity with the
aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada;

ACKNOWLEDGING the intent of the United States to provide for the customary and
traditional taking of certain species of migratory birds and their eggs for subsistence use by
indigenous inhabitants of Alaska; and

AFFIRMING that it is not the intent of this Protocol to cause significant increases in the
take of species of migratory birds relative to their continental population sizes;

HAVE AGREED as follows: