

## Annex IV

### Chapter 1 Transboundary Rivers

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply for the period 1999 through 2008.

1. Recognising the desirability of accurately determining exploitation rates and spawning escapement requirements of salmon originating in the transboundary rivers, the Parties shall maintain a joint Transboundary Technical Committee (the "Committee") reporting, unless otherwise agreed, to the Transboundary Panel and to the Commission. The Committee shall, *inter alia*,:
  - (a) assemble and refine available information on migratory patterns, extent of exploitation and spawning escapement requirements of the stocks;
  - (b) examine past and current management regimes and recommend how they may be better suited to achieving preliminary escapement goals; and
  - (c) identify enhancement opportunities that:
    - (i) assist the devising of harvest management strategies to increase benefits to fishermen with a view to permitting additional salmon to return to Canadian waters; and
    - (ii) have an impact on natural transboundary river salmon production.
2. The Parties shall improve procedures for coordinated or cooperative management of the fisheries on transboundary river stocks. To this end, the Parties affirm their intent to develop and implement abundance-based management regimes for transboundary chinook, sockeye and coho salmon no later than May 1, 2004.
3. Recognizing the objectives of each Party to have viable fisheries, the Parties agree that the following arrangements shall apply to the United States and Canadian fisheries harvesting salmon stocks originating in the Canadian portion of:
  - (a) the Stikine River:
    - (1) Sockeye Salmon:
      - (i) Assessment of the annual run of Stikine River sockeye salmon shall be made as follows:
        - a. a pre-season forecast of the Stikine River sockeye run will be made by the Committee prior to April 1 of each year. This forecast may be modified by the Committee prior to the opening of the fishing season;
        - b. in-season estimates<sup>2</sup> of the Stikine River sockeye run and the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) shall be made under the guidelines of an agreed Stikine Management Plan and using a forecast model developed by the Committee. Both U.S. and Canadian fishing patterns shall be based on current weekly estimates of the TAC. At the beginning of the season and up to an agreed date, the weekly estimates of the TAC shall be determined from the pre-season