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PANELIST APPOINTED FOR WEST COAST SALMON AND HERRING

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie today announced the appointment of Donald Tansley, a former deputy minister of fisheries, to the Free Trade Agreement panel considering Canada's landing requirements for West Coast salmon and herring. Mr. Tansley replaces fisheries expert Waldo Johnson, who died suddenly on September 15.

The panel, the first under the dispute settlement provisions of Chapter 18 of the Agreement, was established by Canada and the United States on May 23. Donald McRae, dean of the faculty of common law at the University of Ottawa, chairs the panel. The other members are Frank Stone, an associate with the Institute for Research on Public Policy in Ottawa, Robert Hudec, a professor at the University of Minnesota and Jim Branson, a former executive director of the U.S. North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Mr. Tansley was a longtime public servant, holding senior positions with the governments of Saskatchewan and British Columbia before becoming vice-president of the Canadian International Development Agency in 1968. He was associate deputy minister then deputy minister of fisheries from 1978 to 1982. Mr. Tansley served as chairman of the Salt Fish Corporation and the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation from 1983 until his retirement in 1986.

The final panel decision on the landing requirements is expected in mid-October.

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