

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between our two Governments regarding the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges, with annexes, signed at Washington May 26, 1981, as amended by the Exchange of Notes of October 9, 1997 (the "Treaty") and to propose one amendment to the Treaty as follows:

Article 1(b) is amended so that it reads in its entirety as follows:

- (b) permit fishing vessels of the other Party to fish for albacore tuna in waters under its fisheries jurisdiction beyond twelve nautical miles of the baselines from which the territorial sea is measured, in accordance with and subject to the limitations and conditions in Annex "A" and Annex "C" to this Treaty and subject to other applicable laws and regulations.

His Excellency

Michael Frederick Kergin,
Ambassador of Canada.

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