



**PROTOCOL AMENDING THE INTERIM CONVENTION ON CONSERVATION  
OF NORTH PACIFIC FUR SEALS**

The Governments of Canada, Japan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, Parties to the Interim Convention on Conservation of North Pacific Fur Seals, signed at Washington on February 9, 1957<sup>(1)</sup>, hereinafter referred to as the Convention,

Having given due consideration to the recommendations adopted by the North Pacific Fur Seal Commission on November 30, 1962, and

Desiring to amend the Convention,

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

The Convention shall be amended by this Protocol as from the date of its entry into force.

**ARTICLE II**

1. In Article II, paragraph 2 of the Convention, "and" at the end of sub-paragraph (f) shall be deleted and "(g)" shall be replaced by "(i)".

2. After Article II, paragraph 2(f) of the Convention, the following shall be inserted:

"(g) effectiveness of each method of sealing from the viewpoint of management and rational utilization of fur seal resources for conservation purposes;

"(h) quality of sealskins by sex, age, and time and method of sealing; and".

**ARTICLE III**

Article II, paragraph 3 of the Convention shall be replaced by the following:

"3. In furtherance of the research referred to in this Article, the Parties agree:

(a) to continue to mark adequate numbers of pups;

(b) to devote to pelagic research an effort similar in extent to that expended in recent years, provided that this shall not involve the taking of more than 2,500 seals in the Eastern and more than 2,200 seals in the Western Pacific Ocean, unless the Commission, pursuant to Article V, paragraph 3, shall decide otherwise; and

(c) to carry out the determinations made by the Commission pursuant to Article V, paragraph 3."

**ARTICLE IV**

In Article III of the Convention, "and the Schedule" shall be deleted.

**ARTICLE V**

Article V, paragraph 2(e) of the Convention shall be replaced by the following:

"(e) study whether or not pelagic sealing in conjunction with land sealing could be permitted in certain circumstances without adversely affecting

<sup>(1)</sup>Canada Treaty Series 1957 No. 26.