

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (FEBRUARY 29, 1940) CONSTITUTING AN  
AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF A BOARD OF  
INQUIRY FOR THE GREAT LAKES FISHERIES

The United States Secretary of State to the Canadian Minister at Washington

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

FEBRUARY 29, 1940.

SIR,—With reference to proposals which have been under consideration between representatives of our governments at Ottawa and Washington concerning the establishment of an International Board of Inquiry to consider and recommend measures for the conservation of the Great Lakes fisheries, I have the honor to confirm my understanding that an agreement for the establishment of such a Board has been reached in the following terms:

(1) The Board of Inquiry for the Great Lakes Fisheries shall be established, and shall consist of four members, two to be appointed by the Government of the United States of America and two to be appointed by the Canadian Government within three months from the date of this agreement.

(2) The Board shall make a study of the taking of fish in the Great Lakes, such a study to be undertaken as soon as practicable. The Board shall make a report of its investigations to the two governments and shall make recommendations as to the methods for preserving and developing the fisheries of the Great Lakes.

I shall appreciate it if you will inform me whether the terms of the agreement as herein set forth are in accordance with the understanding of your Government. If they are, it is suggested that the agreement be considered as becoming effective on this date.

Accept, Sir, etc.

CORDELL HULL.