

Appendix to Annex IV, Chapter 5
Understanding on the Application of Annex IV, Chapter 5 (Coho Salmon)

The joint Coho Technical Committee shall;

1. complete, no later than December of 1999, the following specific assignments with respect to stocks in the Southern Panel Area:

- (a) develop pre-defined rules for agreed boundary area fisheries that establish maximum limits on exploitation rates on key management units in response to the status of those units;
- (b) review the methods that each Party uses to determine the status of key management units, MSH escapement targets and sustainable exploitation rates;
- (c) conduct workshops or working sessions on topics that are central to the task of developing the management framework:
 - 1) criteria and standards for identifying management units;
 - 2) review methods for stock assessment (including estimation of escapements and exploitation rates);
 - 3) identification of MSH escapement levels and sustainable exploitation rates under varying survivals;
 - 4) methods of incorporating risk in protection of genetic and ecological diversity; and
 - 5) standards for emerging methods for estimating stock composition (DNA); and
- (d) develop a regional coho model to provide a consistent means of evaluating the cumulative impact of U.S. and Canadian fisheries on key management units and stocks of conservation concern;

2. complete, no later than January of 2001, the following specific assignments:

- (a) make recommendations for monitoring and evaluation systems relating to fishery performance and stock exploitation rates and productivities; and
- (b) make recommendations to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of bilateral coho management systems.