

INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES LAW

The second year of the new fisheries regime within the 200-mile zones off the coasts of Canada was marked by a consolidation of the legal foundations of the regime and by the development of bilateral and multilateral cooperation agreements. Over the past year a bilateral fisheries agreement was signed with Japan and agreements were reached ad referendum with Denmark on behalf of the Faroe Islands and with the European Economic Community. At the multilateral level, a new Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries was opened for signature in Ottawa on October 24, 1978, and when ratified, will replace the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF). The new NAFO organization provided for by the Convention will manage the fish stocks outside the limits of national jurisdiction, recognizing that the interest of Canada in the stocks adjacent to its waters requires special consideration. On the west coast a Protocol modifying the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean between Canada, Japan and the United States was signed in Tokyo April 25. As well, negotiations are underway with the United States on the development of a Pacific salmon agreement.