

1. NAME OF SYSTEM

Legal (Gulf of Maine)

2. PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM

The information in the system will be used to defend the Canadian position on the Gulf of Maine jurisdictional dispute.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM

All the information (which consists of the research and reports from outside consultants and federal government legal officers in Fisheries and Oceans, Justice and External Affairs, as well as all the quotations used by Canada and the U.S. in written pleadings to the International Court of Justice in the Hague) related to this case is stored on an IRIS (Interactive Record Indexing System) on the Department's DEC-20 computer. Information can be retrieved searching the data base on selected keys.

4. SCOPE OF THE SYSTEM

The information stored on this file is restricted to material related to this dispute. In total about 4000 documents are stored on the computer file.

5. KEY USERS AFFECTED

The group working on the Gulf of Maine case (JLM).

6. OPERATED BY

An operator in MGIC has control of the data base for inputting and correcting material on the data base. JLM has terminals for conducting searches on the data base.

7. FREQUENCY OF UPDATE

As a "data base" system updating is continuous. However, in this case, since all data has already been entered there will only be corrections to existing data. The content of the data base is fixed.

8. KEY INPUTS

All items cited during evidence presented to the International Court in the Hague and material prepared by JLM.

9. KEY OUTPUTS

1. Alphabetical listing, by pleading, of all Canadian documents used, with a notation when the same document has also been used by the U.S.