

**TREATY BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
RELATING TO THE SKAGIT RIVER AND ROSS LAKE, AND THE SEVEN  
MILE RESERVOIR ON THE PEND D'OREILLE RIVER**

**PREAMBULE**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America,

Bearing in mind the purpose of the Boundary Waters Treaty, in particular with respect to the prevention of disputes between Canada and the United States regarding the use of boundary waters;

Recognizing the desirability of preserving the natural environment of the Skagit Valley, in the Province of British Columbia;

Acknowledging the importance to the economic growth and development of the City of Seattle of the electrical power that would have been produced by the raising of the Ross Dam;

Noting with approval the Agreement dated March 30, 1984 between the Province of British Columbia and the City of Seattle developed under the auspices of the International Joint Commission; and

Having encouraged the achievement of such a settlement and being desirous of securing and promoting the cooperative measures undertaken therein,

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Treaty:

- (a) "Agreement" means the Agreement entered into between British Columbia and Seattle on March 30, 1984, and its several appendices, contained in the Annex to this Treaty;
- (b) "Boundary Waters Treaty" means the Treaty between Great Britain and the United States relating to Boundary Waters and Questions Arising between Canada and the United States, dated January 11, 1909;
- (c) "British Columbia" means the Province of British Columbia, Canada;
- (d) "Seattle" means the City of Seattle, in the State of Washington, United States of America;