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CANADA-U.S. UNDERSTANDINGS ON THE  
1977 INTERIM FISHERIES AGREEMENT

The Department of External Affairs announced today the following understandings between Canada and the United States regarding the implementation of the 1977 Interim Fisheries Agreement which is provisionally in force:

The United States recognizes that United States salmon regulations implemented during the 1977 salmon season have caused a loss of fishing opportunity to Canadian salmon fishermen off the United States coast, although there is a difference of views as to the overall effect of these regulations on the salmon fisheries.

The two countries agree that action must be taken to ensure that the reciprocal nature of their 1977 Fisheries Agreement is maintained and will co-operate to determine such corrective action as may be required.

Canada has agreed for the time being to suspend the implementation of the relevant portions of regulations enacted by Order-in-Council PC1977-1695 of June 16, 1977 closing the USA shrimp fishery off the Pacific Coast of Canada. Accordingly, that fishery may go forward until near the end of June, when Canada intends to close the shrimp fishery to both Canadian and U.S. fishermen for conservation and management purposes for approximately two months.

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