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## SKAGIT RIVER VALLEY TREATY:

### CANADA-BRITISH COLUMBIA AGREEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced that he and the Honourable Suzanne Blais-Grenier, Minister of the Environment; and the Honourable Garde B. Gardom, O.C., British Columbia Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and the Honourable Anthony J. Brummet, British Columbia Minister of the Environment, today signed on behalf of their respective governments, the Canada-British Columbia Agreement concerning implementation of the 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 - the Skagit River Valley Treaty. The Agreement was signed during visits by Mr. Clark and Mme Blais-Grenier to British Columbia.

The Agreement is the last of three major Skagit River Settlement documents. The first, the British Columbia-Seattle Agreement, signed on March 30, 1984, - the basic settlement document - sets out the terms of the Settlement agreed upon by the Province and the City of Seattle. The second document, the Canada-United States Skagit River Valley Treaty, signed on April 2, 1984, resolved those issues British Columbia and Seattle lacked jurisdiction to deal with themselves.

The third document, the Canada-British Columbia Agreement supplements the Treaty and defines and clarifies the roles of the federal and provincial governments in its implementation. It is an essential element in the overall Settlement.

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