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PACIFIC COAST ALBACORE TUNA VESSELS AND
PORT PRIVILEGES AGREEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Honourable Roméo LeBlanc, announced that an agreement was signed with the Government of the United States of America today concerning albacore tuna fishing and port privileges for Pacific Coast fishermen of both countries.

The agreement is entitled "A Treaty between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges". Its basic elements are set out in the following paragraphs.

The treaty provides that vessels of Canada and the U.S.A. may fish for albacore tuna in the fishing zone of the other country provided the fishing is carried out in accordance with the provisions of this treaty.

It permits vessels of either country which are fishing albacore tuna pursuant to this treaty to enter four specified Pacific Coast ports of the other country for purposes of landing their catches of albacore tuna and either trans-shipping them in bond to a home port, selling them for export in bond, or selling them locally. The treaty also allows the fishing vessels to obtain fuel, supplies, etc., in the ports on the same basis as albacore tuna vessels of the other country.