

With respect to the West Coast, Canadian officials requested that the civil action against the "Fonzie" and "Viscount" be dropped and that US procedures be revised to ensure that Canadian vessels are released quickly. The US side had no response as the matter is presently pending before US courts, but they confirmed that they had not changed their commitment to mutual restraint in the Dixon Entrance boundary area.

With regard to the East Coast, in response to a US inquiry concerning the possibility of Canadian Government assistance with legal fees and costs in the case of the "FV Mary Elizabeth", Canadian officials pointed out that as the case was under appeal they could make no comment.