The Ministers said that Canada opposes the U.S. legislation as being inconsistent with U.S. obligations under both the FTA and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). They have established an industry-government consultative approach to assist in preparing for the FTA Panel.

"Both countries must find ways to manage our fisheries successfully by working within our FTA and GATT commitments," Mr. Crosbie said.

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