

1976 PROTOCOL AMENDING
THE INTERIM CONVENTION ON CONSERVATION
OF NORTH PACIFIC FUR SEALS

The Governments of Canada, Japan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, Parties to the Interim Convention on Conservation of North Pacific Fur Seals, signed at Washington on February 9, 1957,⁽¹⁾ as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Convention,

Having given due consideration to the recommendations adopted by the North Pacific Fur Seal Commission on March 28, 1974, and to the exchange of views expressed at the North Pacific Fur Seal Conference in March and December 1975, and

Desiring to amend the Convention,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Convention shall be amended by this Protocol as from the date of its entry into force.

ARTICLE II

Article II, paragraph 2(f) of the Convention shall be replaced by the following:

“(f) relationship between fur seals and other living marine resources, including the extent to which fur seals affect commercial fish catches, the damage fur seals inflict on fishing gear, and the effect of commercial fisheries on the fur seals;”.

ARTICLE III

1. In Article II, paragraph 2 of the Convention, “and” at the end of subparagraph (h) shall be deleted and “(i)” shall be replaced by “(j)”.

2. After Article II, paragraph 2(h) of the Convention, the following shall be inserted:

“(i) effects of man-used environmental changes on the fur seal populations; and”.

ARTICLE IV

Article II, paragraph 3(b) of the Convention shall be replaced by the following:

“(b) to devote to pelagic research an effort which, to the greatest extent possible, should be similar in extent to that expended in recent years, provided that this shall not involve the annual taking by all the Parties combined of more than 2,500 seals in the Eastern and more than 2,200 seals in the Western Pacific Oceans, unless the Commission, pursuant to Article V, paragraph 3, shall decide otherwise; and”.

ARTICLE V

Article IV of the Convention shall be replaced by the following:

⁽¹⁾Treaty Series 1957 No. 26.