

fishermen's elected representatives and DFO personnel be formed for the purposes of co-ordinating inter-provincial fisheries policies, sharing information on matters of provincial domain, and taking responsibility for matters of common concern and common potential benefit.

- (8a) The Department of Fisheries and Oceans assess existing programs to determine whether these contribute to the economic viability of commercial fishing activities in the Western Region.
- (8b) The provincial, territorial and federal governments in co-operation with the FFMC coordinate their efforts to bring about a good balance of investments in harvesting facilities and the number of participants in the Western fisheries given the harvestable quantities of fish.
- (9a) The provincial governments concerned provide assurances that decisions favouring the recreational fisheries over the commercial fisheries take into full consideration all relevant information, including the fact that economic hardship for commercial fishermen may be engendered in areas where alternative employment is not available. It follows from this that commercial fisheries in these areas should be closed or curtailed only if the presence of the sports fisheries results in alternative employment opportunities or commensurate economic benefits for the displaced commercial fishermen.
- (9b) Stock enhancement programs be instituted to increase the quantities of high value species for commercial fishing.
- (9c) The allocation of game species to commercial fishermen be used to increase their incomes where possible, especially in the northern fisheries facing high transportation costs.
- (10a) The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, in collaboration with the Department of Environment, continue its evaluation and monitoring of large industrial projects with a view to preventing environmental damage to the fisheries.
- (10b) Should environmental damage be inevitable, individuals or groups whose livelihoods will be affected should be consulted and mutually agreeable terms for compensation worked out prior to the implementation of the project.
- (11) The Government of Canada continue its close monitoring of the Garrison project and pursue efforts to protect the aquatic environment of the Western Region.
- (12) The whitefish species pool be classified into appropriate categories according to the quality grades of the whitefish caught and marketed.
- (13a) The fishermen of the NWT put their concerns to the territorial government which, in co-operation with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and in consultation with the majority of fishermen, should take whatever action it deems appropriate for the benefit of most of the fishermen of that area.
- (13b) The territorial government, in co-operation with the federal government, license a few carefully selected individuals or groups to purchase and market