

Canadian and Polish officials met at Ottawa on September 19, 1975 to discuss fisheries matters of mutual concern.

Both sides attached great importance to their future cooperation in the field of fisheries. They expressed their readiness to meet at an early opportunity in order to consider the elaboration of a bilateral agreement on fisheries cooperation that would establish the terms and conditions governing continued fishing by the Polish fleet in waters off Canada's coasts, taking into account anticipated legal and jurisdictional changes in the regime of fisheries management in such waters and traditional Polish fishing, as well as the desirability of working out, at the same time, short-term arrangements regarding Polish fishing off the Pacific coast.

The two sides reviewed the Canadian proposals for the conservation and management of fish stocks off Canada's Atlantic coast, first advanced at the June 1975 meeting of ICNAF, and scheduled for further discussion at the special ICNAF meeting to be held at Montreal beginning September 22. The Canadian side stressed the importance Canada attaches to these proposals and their possible implications for the future of ICNAF.

The Polish delegation was chaired by Dr. R. Pietraszek, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Maritime Economy; the chairman of the Canadian delegation was Mr. L.H. Legault, Director General, International Fisheries and Marine Directorate, Fisheries & Marine Service, Department of the Environment.

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