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I emphasize to the Government that racial tension and racial division is not the way to preserve the fishery. It is not the answer for Indian people, for the Liberal Government or for Canadian society.

A fifth element of any policy has to be a recognition of the sport fishery. It should be able to share in some of the enhancement which has to take place. A great deal of the sport fishery will be concentrated on lower Vancouver Island and the lower mainland. There has to be a great deal of enhancement in the area of coho and chinook stocks, because they are the very stocks which are most under stress right now. Unless there is an active enhancement program, the sport fishery will be deeper and deeper in trouble.

I would like to make a couple of comments about some of the remarks of my colleagues to my right in the Progressive Conservative Party. I was rather surprised by the remarks of the Hon. Member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington) who suggested that one of the basic problems with our fishery was that the Department of Fisheries had too much money and too many people. I guess this reflects his own cutback mentality, a streak which runs very deeply through the Tory Party. I fail to see how cutting back on money or personnel in the Department of Fisheries will solve in any way the crisis in the fisheries, which he very eloquently recognized in his speech. I wonder whether he or the Hon. Member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser) was articulating Tory policy with regard to money and allocation of personnel to the Department of Fisheries.

At the same time I was somewhat surprised by the remarks of the Hon. Member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro) who deplored the break-off of negotiations on the salmon interception treaty with the United States. I think the Government of Canada really had no alternative. It had backed down time and time again. My Party was very critical of the Government for backing down and giving away more and more of the store to the United States. Finally there came a point when even the Liberals could not stomach it any more. Evidently the Tories have an insatiable appetite for eating whatever Uncle Sam puts in front of them.

In conclusion, if we are to save the resource and the industry, the Government must have a more forthright policy. It must enforce present habitat protection laws. It must bring proposed changes to the House for debate, so that all Members of Parliament can represent the views of their constituents, so that proposed changes can then go to committee and the committee can hear the views of workers in the industry and of other interested people. The committee could then hear from

communities affected by the changes and hear from Indian organizations. There has to be a much more open policy than we have seen thus far.

Finally, there has to be a commitment of funding to British Columbia of the kind we have seen committed to the fishery in eastern Canada. The fishery in western Canada will not be saved unless the Government is prepared to commit money or is prepared to give it a higher priority than it has. It will not be saved by policies of neglect or policies of confrontation.

I call upon the Government to bring together all sectors of the industry in an open and up-front way. In any changes it should ensure that Parliament is fully involved and that the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry is involved so that the public will see what is happening and will have a chance of becoming involved.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fraser: Mr. Speaker, my question will be very short. I listened with interest to the Hon. Member who has just spoken. I refer him to a CBC interview of January 27, 1984. The discussion was concerning the break-off of the negotiations. Mr. O'Reilly, who is an aid to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. De Bané), was talking about drastic action to retaliate against the United States. He said:

The trans-boundary rivers interference with the flow of stocks from those rivers is one possibility.

He was referring to the fact that there are stocks which go down Canadian rivers and emerge in the ocean on the Alaskan side. The reporter said:

What he is threatening is the killing of young salmon leaving northern Canadian rivers just so the Alaska fishermen won't be able to catch them.

Does the Hon. Member think that that is the way in which we should proceed? What is the use of killing the fish in an attempt to try to beat the Americans back to the bargaining table?

Mr. Manly: Absolutely not, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order, please. It being five o'clock, it is my duty to inform the House that, pursuant to Standing Order 62(11), the proceedings on the motion have expired.

Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until Monday at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 5 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.