

negotiate to remove barriers such as those in US Marine Protection Act;

by developing markets and relationships, promote northern economic development, social and cultural well-being.

communications and transportation routes and links be looked at within the context of developing a circumpolar trade policy;

Canada should promote more direct contact among circumpolar nations via northern routes. Examples used included the recent Canada Post agreement with Greenland, and the suggestion that travel from the NWT to Alaska (or the Yukon) should not have to be routed via southern Canada.

Sectors that should be considered for promotion on an international level include cottage industries based on wildlife and traditional skills, and food processing businesses that rely on the harvesting of northern foods. Canada should also look to develop its expertise in areas such as land claim negotiation.

Sectors that need vigilance include the fishery. While it is becoming increasingly important to parts of Nunavut, there is increasing concern that overfishing in Arctic waters by international fisheries can endanger economic development. Shared stocks have led to ongoing communications with Greenland; Nunavut participates in several international fora on areas identified within the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement. Concerns were raised about Canada's inability to police its own waters.

Wildlife and resource management

Ideas generated for consideration within development of foreign policy:

Canada should promote pro-sealing/pro-fur initiatives, such as sealskin clothing manufacture and trade, that are based on renewable resources;

Canada should act, on the international scene, to promote and support legal activities of its citizens, such as the bowhead whale hunt;

Canada's northern population is small; this means it has limited influence. Canada should focus on promotion from all circumpolar countries to strengthen and learn from one another;

Canada should ensure that economic benefits from northern products come north (jobs, manufacturing, economic development);

Canada should look at American policies that are detrimental to northern activities;

Canada should look at overfishing in Arctic waters of the North Atlantic by foreign fishing fleets.