

as her own economic zone. In 1984, the two countries agreed not to impose regulations upon each other in the disputed zone. Consequently, we cannot enforce Canadian conservation regulations in the area until the boundary is resolved by an international tribunal."

"Overfishing by France seriously hurts communities in both Newfoundland and St. Pierre and Miquelon. No way can this extensive overfishing of valuable cod stocks be permitted to continue. The steps we have undertaken underline our determination to resolve the boundary dispute through international arbitration."

Mr. Siddon also referred to an undertaking given by Canada to include some 2J+3KL cod in the French quotas to be negotiated for 1988 to 1991.

"This government understands the importance of the 2J+3KL cod stock to the Canadian fishing industry", Mr. Siddon said. "No way are we going to relinquish valuable cod stocks in 2J+3KL. However, very limited French access to that zone for 1988-1991 is a small price to pay to have the boundary issue resolved."

"This issue", Mr. Siddon said, "will be examined exhaustively with provincial and industry advisers. The government knows that the quotas that can be granted to France while the boundary issue is being resolved are very limited."