



**CONVENTION ON GREAT LAKES FISHERIES BETWEEN CANADA AND  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America,

Taking note of the interrelation of fishery conservation problems and of the desirability of advancing fishery research in the Great Lakes,

Being aware of the decline of some of the Great Lakes fisheries,

Being concerned over the serious damage to some of these fisheries caused by the parasitic sea lamprey and the continuing threat which this lamprey constitutes for other fisheries,

Recognizing that joint and coordinated efforts by Canada and the United States of America are essential in order to determine the need for and the type of measures which will make possible the maximum sustained productivity in Great Lakes fisheries of common concern,

Have resolved to conclude a convention and have appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries:

The Government of Canada:

ARNOLD DANFORD PATRICK HEENEY, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to the United States of America, and STEWART BATES, Chairman of the Delegation of Canada to the Great Lakes Fisheries Conference; and

The Government of the United States of America:

WALTER BEDELL SMITH, Acting Secretary of State of the United States of America, and

WILLIAM C. HERRINGTON, Chairman of the Delegation of the United States of America to the Great Lakes Fisheries Conference,

who, having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

This Convention shall apply to Lake Ontario (including the St. Lawrence River from Lake Ontario to the forty-fifth parallel of latitude), Lake Erie, Lake Huron (including Lake St. Clair), Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and their connecting waters, hereinafter referred to as "the Convention Area". This Convention shall also apply to the tributaries of each of the above waters to the extent necessary to investigate any stock of fish of common concern, the taking or habitat of which is confined predominantly to the Convention Area, and to eradicate or minimize the populations of the sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*) in the Convention Area.