

3. An amendment shall enter into force when the Depositary has received instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval thereof from all Parties.

ARTICLE XIII

1. The Annex to this Convention shall form an integral part of this Convention. All references to this Convention shall be understood as including the Annex.

2. The Annex to this Convention shall be considered amended upon the acceptance by the Governments of all Parties that are States of origin of anadromous stocks which migrate into the Convention Area of a proposed amendment to the Annex recommended by the Commission in accordance with paragraph 11 of Article IX.

(a) An amendment to the Annex shall enter into force for Parties that are States of origin of anadromous stocks which migrate into the Convention Area on the date upon which the Commission receives notification from all such Parties of their acceptance of the amendment.

(b) In the event that a Party that is not a State of origin has accepted an amendment to the Annex by the date referred to in sub-paragraph (a), it shall enter into force for that Party on that date. If a Party that is not a State of origin accepts an amendment to the Annex after the date referred to in sub-paragraph (a), it shall enter into force for that Party on the date upon which the Commission receives notification of its acceptance of the amendment.

3. The Commission shall notify all the Parties of the date of receipt of each notification of acceptance of an amendment to the Annex.

ARTICLE XIV

Any Party may withdraw from this Convention twelve (12) months after the date on which it formally notifies the Depositary of its intention to withdraw.