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EC FISHERIES COMMISSIONER MARIN TO VISIT  
CANADA TO DISCUSS OVERFISHING

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie and Fisheries and Oceans Minister Bernard Valcourt today announced that Vice-President and Fisheries Commissioner of the European Communities, (EC), Mr. Manuel Marin, will visit Ottawa, May 9-10, to continue talks on the problems of fisheries conservation in the Northwest Atlantic.

Mr. Marin will also meet with Prime Minister Mulroney to discuss the problem of overfishing.

Canada is pressing the EC to limit its catches to the quotas set by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). Canadian 1990 reductions in catches of the Canadian-managed northern Cod stock (2J3KL Cod) and the NAFO-managed stocks have caused economic difficulties in the Canadian fishing communities. Nonetheless, the Canadian fishing industry complied with the Canadian and NAFO quota decisions.

Canada's goal is for all fishing fleets operating outside the 200-mile limit, including vessels from the EC, to adhere to the quotas and conservation measures decided by NAFO.

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