

of lack of progress in other cases of recent international negotiations to conserve and protect the fisheries from which Canadian fishermen draw their living.

Pollution of rivers, lakes, beaches and tidal waters is rising and continues to threaten the industry. More particularly it threatens the livelihood of inshore, fresh water and salmon fishermen. This should be of highest concern to several other federal departments and to other levels of government in Canada responsible for conserving our water resources.

Evidence was given to the Committee that at least one Canadian subsidized vessel has left Canadian waters and is no longer employing Canadians, or bringing its catch to Canadian docks, or refitting in Canadian yards; pointing to the need for closer policing and regulation of Canadian subsidized programs for the fishing industry.

Your Committee notes with interest the encouraging efforts of the Department towards the development of East Coast herring fisheries, but believes this expansion should be coupled with further research immediately to ensure that stocks are not over-exploited.

Much evidence was given on the encouraging results obtained in developing salmon spawning beds in British Columbia. Evidence was also given on efforts to cultivate lobsters and oysters in Atlantic beds under controlled conditions. Giving regard to the very high return which each of these fish brings on the market, and their value to the industry in developing easily worked and readily accessible inshore fisheries, your Committee felt that research in these areas should be pushed as rapidly as possible to the point of commercial feasibility. In view of the high return on public investment in these fields, financing, within reason, should not be the limiting factor.

The Committee urges the continuance of explorations programs for new exploitable stocks of fish on both coasts and in our inland waters.

Having considered these estimates, your Committee approves them and recommends them to the House for approval.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 1 to 16*) is appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman.