

Foremost among actions undertaken was the achievement of the 200-mile limit. The number of foreign vessels fishing here shrank from more than 1,500 in 1974 to about 500 in 1977. Foreign ships now pay to fish only according to Canadian rules, for fish the Canadian industry doesn't use.

Other key actions under the new fisheries policy include application of strict licence control to almost every major fishery, because limiting the entry into the fisheries is the best way to conserve fish stocks and to raise the fishermen's income.

"Processors and fishing enterprises should continue submitting costs and earnings data in order that my Department can continue to monitor the economic performance for the best management of Canada's fishery," Mr. LeBlanc said.

"With good judgment over the next few years, we can build a better fishery than this country has ever known," Mr. LeBlanc said.