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CANADA/JAPAN FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

Canadian and Japanese delegations met in Ottawa March 28 - April 1, 1978 to discuss their future cooperation in the field of fisheries.

The Japanese delegation was led by Mr. Kunio Yonezawa, Counsellor, Oceanic Fisheries Department, Fishery Agency. The Canadian delegation was led by Mr. G.C. Vernon, Director General, International Directorate, Fisheries and Marine Service, Department of Fisheries and the Environment.

On April 1 the two sides initialled the text of an agreement, which, upon approval by both governments, will set out the terms and conditions that will govern continued fishing by Japanese vessels under Canadian fisheries laws and regulations in areas under Canadian fisheries jurisdiction, for resources surplus to Canadian requirements. The Agreement includes provisions for the determination by the Government of Canada of allotment for Japanese fishing vessels, the issuance of Canadian licences to these vessels and their compliance with the conservation measures established by Canada. The agreement also refers to the special interest of Canada in fisheries resources in the area beyond and immediately adjacent to the Canadian 200 mile zone. It is the fifth agreement to do so since the extension of Canadian jurisdiction to 200 miles: similar agreements have been concluded with Cuba, Romania, the GDR, and Bulgaria. It becomes the twelfth agreement dealing with foreign fishing in the Canadian fishing zone.

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