

of Alaskan salmon and herring while U.S. processors were prohibited from any access to unprocessed salmon and herring from Canada. The U.S. took the issue to the GATT, where a Panel made a clear finding that Canada's export restrictions violated international trade rules.

We have made clear from the outset, including in statements in this House, that we would be seeking a solution which would be consistent with the GATT and would also protect the long-term interests of the fishing industry.

We have consulted closely with all interested parties - processors, unions, fishermen and the B.C. government. As promised, we have pursued a three-pronged strategy. First, raising our concerns in the GATT. Second, exploring a possible bilateral solution with the U.S. Third, considering alternative measures to ensure the integrity of Canada's West Coast fisheries conservation and management regime.

In raising our concerns in the GATT, we have not received support from other members, who clearly consider the Panel's findings to be valid. While discussions with the U.S. have been useful in airing the issues, we have made little progress in reaching a bilateral solution.

We will now be pursuing a Canadian solution - one which reflects Canada's GATT obligations but which also addresses fisheries management and conservation needs and protects the future viability of the industry.

It is the Government's intention to allow adoption of the GATT Panel report and to dismantle the GATT-inconsistent export restrictions by January 1, 1989. But, at the same time, we intend to enact new regulations which will require that salmon and herring caught off the Pacific Coast be landed in Canada in order to ensure accurate catch reporting, inspection, grading and quality control. While Americans will have access to unprocessed fish landed onshore at designated landing stations along the coast, they will not be allowed to buy fish directly from Canadian fishermen "over the side" at sea. Overall, the landing requirement will improve management of the fisheries while preserving the livelihood of coastal communities.

My colleague, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, will be consulting closely with all interested parties to develop the details of this landing requirement. It will be consistent with the GATT, as well as with the Law of the Sea, which specifically provides for such measures. In developing