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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Governments of the United States and Canada have agreed to ask the International Joint Commission to conduct an investigation of the St. Croix River Basin in order to determine whether greater use than is now being made of the waters of the basin would be feasible and advantageous.

Canada's chief interests in this investigation lie not only in the possibility of providing additional power from the resources of the river which forms, in part, the boundary between the province of New Brunswick and the state of Maine, but also in rehabilitating the salmon stocks in the St. Croix River basin which at one time was one of the most important salmon producing areas on the Atlantic coast.