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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS EXCELLENCY LIVINGSTON T. MERCHANT, THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, THE HONOURABLE E. DAVIE FULTON, ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND THE HONOURABLE ANGUS MACLEAN, MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ATTENDED A CEREMONY OF RATIFICATION AT 3:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1957, BRINGING INTO FORCE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA FOR THE CONSERVATION AND REGULATION OF THE PINK SALMON FISHERIES OF THE JUAN-DE-FUCA - FRASER RIVER AREA OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH TAKES THE FORM OF PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION OF MAY 26, 1930, FOR THE PROTECTION, PRESERVATION AND EXTENSION OF THE SOCKEYE SALMON FISHERIES IN THE FRASER RIVER SYSTEM, IS TO EXTEND TO THE PINK SALMON FISHERIES THE SAME SORT OF PROTECTION AND REGULATION WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC SALMON FISHERIES COMMISSION ALREADY AFFORDS TO THE SOCKEYE SALMON FISHERIES. THE COMMISSION HAS DONE OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VALUABLE SOCKEYE SALMON RESOURCES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1937. IT WILL NOW TAKE ON THE ADDITIONAL TASK OF MAINTAINING THE PINK SALMON STOCKS AT THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF PRODUCTIVITY AND OF ENSURING AN EQUAL DIVISION OF THE ANNUAL CATCH BETWEEN CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES FISHERMEN.

THE PINK SALMON AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR A CO-ORDINATED INVESTIGATION BY RESEARCH AGENCIES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE CONSERVATION OF PINK SALMON STOCKS WHICH ENTER THE WATERS DESCRIBED IN THE CONVENTION. IT CALLS FOR A MEETING IN THE SEVENTH YEAR AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND TO DETERMINE WHAT FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING PINK SALMON CONSERVATION MAY BE DESIRABLE.