

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JULY 21 AND AUGUST 5, 1944) BETWEEN
CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RECORDING
AN AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE THE ASCENT OF THE SALMON
IN HELL'S GATE CANYON AND ELSEWHERE IN THE FRASER
RIVER SYSTEM

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*The Canadian Chargé d'Affaires at Washington
to the Secretary of State of the United States*

CANADIAN EMBASSY

No. 266

WASHINGTON, July 21, 1944.

Sir,
I have the honour to refer to the Convention between Canada and the United States for the Protection, Preservation and Extension of the Sockeye Salmon Fisheries in the Fraser River System, signed at Washington on May 26, 1930*.

2. Under Article III of the Convention, the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission is required to "make a thorough investigation into the natural history of the Fraser River sockeye salmon, into hatchery methods, spawning ground conditions and other related matters". The Commission may also recommend to the two Governments "removing or otherwise overcoming obstructions to the ascent of sockeye salmon, that may now exist or may from time to time occur, in any of the waters covered by this Convention, where investigation may show such removal of or other action to overcome obstructions to be desirable".

3. As a result of extensive investigation the Commission recommended to the two Governments on January 11, 1944, remedial measures for overcoming obstructions to the ascent of the salmon in Hell's Gate Canyon and further investigation and remedial measures for overcoming obstructions to the ascent of the salmon elsewhere in the Fraser River watershed. It was estimated that the costs of the works recommended would be \$2,000,000, which, in accordance with Article III, paragraph 2, of the Convention, would be shared equally between the two Governments. One copy of the letter and memorandum from the Commission under date of January 11, signed by the Chairman and secretary are attached hereto as appendix A. Also attached as appendix B is one copy of a list of the remedial works recommended by the Commission.

4. The Canadian Government has approved of these recommendations of the Commission as set forth in its letter and report of January 11. A vote of \$1,000,000 to provide for Canada's share of the costs of these works has been recommended to Parliament. The Commission has also been authorized by Order in Council P.C. 5002 of June 30, 1944, to let contracts for the remedial works recommended. One copy of Order in Council P.C. 5002, marked appendix C, is attached hereto.

5. The regular procedure for the payment of expenses properly incurred by the Commission is that such expenses are paid by the Canadian Government,

* For the text of that Convention see *Canada Treaty Series 1937, No. 10.*