

Specifically, the federal Department of Fisheries administers all tidal or sea fisheries except those of the Province of Quebec, and also the freshwater or non-tidal fisheries of the four Atlantic Provinces, the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories. The Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan administer their own freshwater fisheries and in British Columbia the provincial government controls freshwater species but the Federal Government is responsible for marine and anadromous species. Administration of the fisheries of National Park areas throughout Canada is the responsibility of the Canadian Wildlife Service, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

**Federal-Provincial Relations.**—The mutual interest of federal and provincial governments in fisheries problems is recognized in the undertaking of joint studies and programs, frequently on a regional basis. Regional committees established in recent years have brought together representatives of all governments concerned for periodic discussion. Four groups have evolved: the Federal-Provincial Atlantic Fisheries Committee consisting of representatives of the Federal Government and of the Governments of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec; the Federal-Provincial Committee for Ontario Fisheries; the Federal-Provincial Prairie Fisheries Committee comprising representatives of the Federal Government and of the Governments of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan; and the Federal-Provincial British Columbia Fisheries Committee.

Members of the Committees are the Deputy Minister of Fisheries of Canada and the Deputy Ministers of provincial departments responsible for fisheries. Sub-committees make recommendations for industrial development, research and marketing problems. The main committee in each case co-ordinates, where practicable, all activities in the respective fields of responsibility of its members and suggests to the respective governments means of carrying out fisheries programs and projects of common concern. These include the development of methods and techniques in the catching of fish and of shore and plant facilities, and studies of the economics of fisheries to ensure that any proposed program of development is soundly based.

Co-operation between the federal Department of Fisheries and the provinces has taken the form of cost-sharing arrangements on joint projects. Legislation enacted in 1966 grants to the federal Department of Fisheries further powers to enter into such agreements for purposes of modernizing, mechanizing and diversifying the nation's fisheries. The Fisheries Development Act (SC 1966, c. 18), approved by the House of Commons on Apr. 25, 1966 and given Royal Assent on May 12, 1966, served to streamline the operations of the Department by incorporating several of the development activities undertaken under earlier legislation. It empowers the Minister of Fisheries to undertake projects "(a) for the more efficient exploitation of fishery resources and for the exploration for and development of new fishery resources and new fisheries; (b) for the introduction and demonstration to fishermen of new types of fishing vessels and fishing equipment and of new fishing techniques; and (c) for the development of new fishery products and for the improvement of the handling, processing and distribution of fishery products." The Act authorizes the Minister to enter into cost-sharing agreements with provinces, with private companies and with individuals or co-operatives. Financial assistance may be given for the construction and equipment, or modification, of commercial cold storages and mechanically refrigerated bait-freezing facilities to be used for the preservation of fishery products, and for the construction and equipment of fishing vessels. The Act also authorizes the conduct of economic studies in conjunction with universities or other educational institutions and provides for the establishment of advisory committees to assist in the implementation of fisheries development programs.