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Amendment of the Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an
exchange of letters between the Government of Canada and the
European Economic Community concerning their fisheries
relations

(submitted to the Council by the Commission pursuant to
the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The section of this exchange of letters which deals with the salmon fishery at West Greenland contains the following paragraph :

"Moreover, the two Parties agree to examine, before 1 July 1981, the consequence for the salmon fishery which might result from any change in the opening dates of the fishery season in Greenland."

A preliminary examination of "the consequences for salmon fishery which might result from any change in the opening dates of the fishery season in Greenland" has now been conducted by the two Parties. In light of this preliminary examination, the Parties have agreed that the paragraph cited above should be deleted and replaced by the text contained in the present amendment.

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The following paragraph is deleted from the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters :

"Moreover, the two Parties agree to examine, before 1 July 1981, the consequence for the salmon fishery which might result from any change in the opening dates of the fishery season in Greenland"

This paragraph is replaced by the following :

"This quota of 1,190 tonnes is based on a fishing season which opens on the 10th of August.

In the event that the opening date is delayed to 25 August this quota may, in accordance with biological advice by the ICES Working Group on Atlantic salmon, be increased to a level of 1,270 tonnes while ensuring that the mortality of salmon of Canadian origin or of Community origin does not exceed the equivalent of that corresponding to a quota of 1,190 tonnes in accordance with the fishing pattern of 1976-77."