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## EXCHANGE OF NOTES

between

the Government of Canada and the United States Government

regarding

## THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF ENQUIRY FOR THE GREAT LAKES FISHERIES

Washington, February 29, 1940

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to Parliament by Command of His Majesty*

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE  
ESTABLISHING OF A BOARD OF INQUIRY FOR THE GREAT  
LAKES FISHERIES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA.

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*Washington, February 29, 1940.*

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No. 1.

*The United States Secretary of State to the Canadian Minister at  
Washington.*

*Department of State,*

Sir, *Washington, February 29, 1940.*

WITH reference to proposals which have been under consideration between representatives of our Governments at Ottawa and Washington concerning the establishment of an International Board of Inquiry to consider and recommend measures for the conservation of the Great Lakes fisheries, I have the honor to confirm my understanding that an agreement for the establishment of such a Board has been reached in the following terms:—

(1) The Board of Inquiry for the Great Lakes Fisheries shall be established, and shall consist of four members, two to be appointed by the Government of the United States of America and two to be appointed by the Canadian Government within three months from the date of this agreement.

(2) The Board shall make a study of the taking of fish in the Great Lakes, such a study to be undertaken as soon as practicable. The Board shall make a report of its investigations to the two Governments and shall make recommendations as to the methods for preserving and developing the fisheries of the Great Lakes.

I shall appreciate it if you will inform me whether the terms of the agreement as herein set forth are in accordance with the understanding of your Government. If they are, it is suggested that the agreement be considered as becoming effective on this date.

Accept, &c.

CORDELL HULL.

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## No. 2.

*The Canadian Minister at Washington to the United States Secretary of State.*

*Canadian Legation,*

Sir, *Washington, February 29, 1940.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 29th February, 1940, and, with reference to proposals which have been under consideration between representatives of the Canadian and United States Governments concerning the establishment of an International Board of Inquiry to consider and recommend measures for the conservation of the Great Lakes fisheries, I have the honour to confirm your understanding that an agreement for the establishment of such a Board has been reached.

The terms of this agreement which you have communicated to me are as follows:—

(1) A Board of Inquiry for the Great Lakes Fisheries shall be established, and shall consist of four members, two to be appointed by the Government of the United States of America and two to be appointed by the Canadian Government within three months from the date of this agreement.

(2) The Board shall make a study of the taking of fish in the Great Lakes, such study to be undertaken as soon as practicable. The Board shall make a report of its investigations to the two Governments and shall make recommendations as to the methods for preserving and developing the fisheries of the Great Lakes.

I am instructed to state that the terms of the agreement as communicated to me are in accordance with the understanding of the Canadian Government.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Canadian Government concurs in your suggestion that the agreement be considered as becoming effective on this date and will accordingly consider it as becoming effective on this date.

I have, &c.

LORING C. CHRISTIE.

