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TO: ELIZABETH MANN BORGHESE

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SUBJECT: NGO Roundtable on Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

1) We are faxing you:

- the provisional agenda;
- the list of participants; and
- a travel information form for the NGO Roundtable in New York, April 20-22.

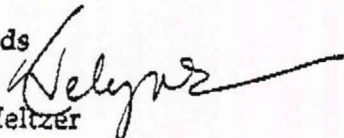
2) Please note that Conference Room "C" in the basement of the UN has been reserved.

3) Any comments or suggestions you may have on the agenda and/or the Roundtable are most welcome. Where possible, background materials will be faxed to you. Those reports too voluminous to fax will be available Tuesday morning.

4) We would appreciate if you would complete and return the travel information form (if you have not already done so) to help us coordinate activities prior to and during the Roundtable.

Best Regards

Evelyne Meltzer



10 Pages to Follow

Please Acknowledge Receipt

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

- 8:30 **Reflagging**
• Indrani Lutchman, WWF
- 10:00 **Break**
- 2:15 **Management Principles**
• Special Interest of Coastal States
• Marine Ecosystem Management and Sustainable Development Principle
• The Abstention Principle
• The Precautionary Principle
• The Consistency Principle
• The Non-Adverse Effect Principle
• Others
- 5:00 **Break**
- 6:00 **Debriefing with delegates from Like-Minded States**
- 7:30 **National Positions and NGO Initiatives**
• EEC-Indrani Lutchman, WWF
• Canada-EEC Agreement: Problems and Progress
Patrick McGuinness, SONAR
• Iceland
• U.S. Position-NGO Initiatives
• New Zealand-Roy Dobson, NZFIB

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:30 **Participation of Developing Countries NGOs at July Conference**
• Tony Lamb, Earth Council
- 8:45 **NGO Strategy and Action Plan for July Conference**
a. Oceans Day (June 8) Activities
b. NGO Statement of Principles for High Seas Fishing
c. NGO Blueprint for Action on High Seas Fishing
- 12:00 **Break**
- 1:30 **NGO Strategy and Action Plan for July Conference (continued)**
- 6:00 **Debriefing with delegates from Like-Minded States**

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United Nations Association in Canada
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NGO ROUNDTABLE

RE: STRADDLING AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS UN CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, APRIL 20, 21, 22, 1993

TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM

This form is to help coordinate activities prior to and during the round table. If you plan to attend, please complete this form and return by fax to Evelyne Meltzer at (902) 422-5343 or mail to 1331 Brenton St., First Floor, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3J 2K5.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Contact: _____

Are others from your NGO attending? _____ How Many? _____

Names: _____

Arrival _____ Departure _____

Where will you be staying _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Do you wish to be advised if other participants seek shared accomodation? _____

Suggestions for agenda _____

Suggestions for key resource materials _____

CRITICAL: URGENT.

Please be advised that you must be

accredited to attend the organizational meeting and the
July conference. This must be done ASAP.

To request accreditation for your NGO

please fax VLADIMIR JARES / JEAN PIERRE LEVY.

UN Office of Law of the Sea

FAX (212) 963.5847

TEL (212) 963.3975.

Otherwise you ^{might only be able to} ~~can~~ attend only roundtable.

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REQUESTING ACCREDITATION FOR YOUR NGO
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NGO ROUNDTABLE

RE: STRADDLING AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

April 20, 21, 22, 1993

Conference Room "C"

United Nations, New York

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AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

- 8:30 Introduction of Participants
- 8:40 Adoption of Agenda and Roundtable Objectives
- 9:00 Tabling of Resource/Background Materials (to be provided)
- a. Papers prepared for Like-Minded States Meeting, Jan. 1993
- Global Overview of Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks
 - Management Principles for the Conservation of Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks
 - Special Problems of Developing States
 - Surveillance, Control and Enforcement on the High Seas
 - Remedies
- b. Greenpeace International Paper by Matt Gianni
- c. NGO Community's Oceans' Submission to the Department of State
- d. WWF Position Paper by Indrani Lutchman
- e. Earth Council - Commentary by Alicia Barcena
- f. SONAR- Proposed Code of Conduct
- g. Permanent Commission of the South Pacific (CPCS)-The Lima Declaration
- h. New York Declaration on High Seas Fishing
- i. Others
- 9:10 Role of Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS)
- 9:15 Global Overview of Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks
Evelyne Meltzer, UNAC
- 10:00 Break (Organizational Meeting I may continue with a designated *Hope you will attend!! We need your input & support.* 15 Roundtable
Belmont
- 1:30 Code of Conduct on High Seas
- Indrani Lutchman, WWF
 - Richard Cashin, FFAW-CAW
 - NRDC
 - Greenpeace
- 3:30 Break (Organizational Meeting reconvenes)
- 6:00 Debriefing with delegates from Like-Minded States
- 7:30 Debriefing of Like Minded States Meeting, January 1993 St. John's, Nfld.
Ambassador Gherson-Canadian Permanent Mission to the UN

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• U.S. Position-NGO Initiatives
• New Zealand-Ray Dobson, NZFIB

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:30 Participation of Developing Countries NGOs at July Conference
• Earth Council
- 8:45 NGO Strategy and Action Plan for July Conference
a. Oceans Day (June 8) Activities
b. NGO Roundtable Meeting in Europe
c. NGO Statement of Principles for High Seas Fishing
d. NGO Blueprint for Action on High Seas Fishing
e. Role of Regional Commissions in Management of High Seas
f. International Oceans Working Group
g. Press Release
- 12:00 Break
- 1:30 NGO Strategy and Action Plan for July Conference (continued)
- 6:00 Debriefing with delegates from Like-Minded States

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June 15, 1993

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Organizations Involved with Fisheries/Oceans Issues and
the Post-Rio Implementation Process

FROM: François Coutu, Communications Officer

RE: NGO materials relating to the UN Conference on
Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Please find enclosed a package of information relating to the preparations for this summer's UN Conference on Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, scheduled for New York from July 12-30, 1993.

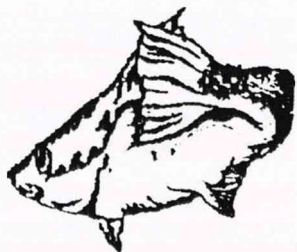
As many of you will already know, the United Nations Association in Canada has been actively involved in the lead-up to the July conference. In April, UNA-Canada organized an NGO strategy round-table in New York in conjunction with the conference's organizational session. Included here are the report from that round-table, as well as the press release that was issued to the media.

From June 16-17, the Vancouver Branch of UNA-Canada is organizing the Pacific Northwest Regional Round-Table on Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. This session will address, from a North American perspective, the issues surrounding the Conference on High-Seas Overfishing. The notice and schedule for this event are also included here.

Coming in the wake of Rio, the New York conference will be a critical step in the global process towards sustainable development. UNA-Canada hopes that effective NGO participation will produce concrete results in the fight to reverse the global fisheries crisis.

We look forward to meeting you in New York.

The Pacific Northwest Regional Roundtable on Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks



JUNE 16 & 17, 1993

June 16 → Canadian Pacific Waterfront Centre Hotel, 900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver, BC
MacKenzie Room 1

June 17 → Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings, Vancouver, BC
Segal Centre Room 1420

Special Geographic Information System (GIS) presentation: Global Overview of Straddling &
Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans
June 16 at 8 pm - public participation is welcome

Address from:
Dr. William T. Burke, University of Washington, School of Law

*Sponsored by the United Nations Association in Canada, Vancouver
Many thanks to Simon Fraser University School of Resource and Environmental Management*

To register or for further info. call the United Nations Assoc., Vancouver at (604) 732-0448

JUNE 16 & 17, 1993

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE
STRADDLING AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS
June 16 - 17, 1993**

REVISED AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

**Canadian Pacific Waterfront Centre Hotel, 900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver, BC
MacKenzie Room 1**

- 8:30 Coffee
 - 9:00 Welcome by the Chair
 - 9:10 Introduction of participants
 - 9:30 Adoption of agenda and roundtable objectives
 - 9:45 Break
 - 10:00 Global overview of straddling and highly migratory fish stocks
Evelyne Meltzer, UNA-Canada
 - 10:45 Discussion
 - 11:00 Break
 - 11:15 National Governments & NGO positions: M. Gianni, Greenpeace/R. Bulmer, SONAR
/C. Chavasse, Alaska Marine Conservation Council/American Oceans Campaign/others
 - 12:00 Discussion
 - 12:30 Lunch
 - 14:00 Legal considerations/management principles
Professor Bill Burke, University of Washington
 - 14:45 Discussion
 - 15:10 Break
 - 15:30 Management principles
 - 18:00 Dinner break
 - 20:00 Discussion of Canadian and other national positions with GIS presentation
Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ottawa
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUESTED**

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

**Simon Fraser University, Downtown Campus, 515 West Hastings, Vancouver, BC
Segal Centre, Room 1420**

- 8:30 Coffee
- 9:00 The impact of High Seas Fishing on Newfoundland
Former Newfoundland Premier, A. Brian Peckford
- 9:30 Discussion
- 9:45 Management principles continued
- 10:30 Break
- 10:50 Codes of conduct and other Mechanisms
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Mechanisms continued
- 15:00 Break
- 15:15 Discussion of positions and policy statements
- 16:00 Break
- 16:15 Discussion of positions and policy statements continued
- 16:45 Break
- 17:00 Chairpersons (M. Copithorne and R. Paisley) concluding remarks
- 18:00 Adjourn

NGO Roundtable
Re: UN Conference on Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks
United Nations, New York, April 20-22, 1993

REPORT

NGO Roundtable Organized

The United Nations Association in Canada (UNA Canada) convened a Roundtable for NGOs concerned with fisheries and oceans issues at the United Nations in New York, April 20-22, 1993. The NGO Roundtable was held on the margin of the intergovernmental Organizational Session (April 19-23) in preparation for the UN Conference on Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. The Conference is scheduled for July 12-30, 1993 in New York. Support for the organization of this Roundtable was provided by the Government of Canada's fund for public information on high seas fishing.

Roundtable Objectives

The objectives of the Roundtable were to: facilitate NGO support for this Conference; heighten the NGO community's awareness of this international marine environmental problem; identify and discuss the issues; develop individual NGO and collective approaches towards addressing the problem(s); and, discuss mechanisms for ensuring effective NGO participation in the Conference.

Participation

Twenty-five participants representing NGOs from Europe, the United States, and Canada attended. (See attached participants list.) The participants regretted the absence of southern representatives, and resolved to secure funding for southern NGOs to attend the meeting in July. [Alicia Barcena of the Costa Rican-based Earth Council is endeavouring to obtain funds and UNA Canada is seeking support from the Canadian government for southern NGOs to participate in the Conference.]

Agenda

A flexible agenda was adopted enabling the Roundtable participants to meet on the margin of the official plenary sessions and affording individuals as well as the group the opportunity to meet with government delegations. As much of the week's Organizational Meeting was spent in informal sessions to which NGOs were not privy, the Roundtable discussions proceeded intensely for three days. (See attached Agenda). The NGOs discussed issues, initiatives, management principles, mechanisms and strategies.

Roundtable Meetings with Delegations

Several delegations (Chile, Iceland, Peru, the United States, Canada, and the European Commission including Spain, Denmark, Germany, and the U.K.) as well as the Conference Chairperson, Satya Nandan, agreed to meet with the Roundtable

participants. These exchanges were very useful and served to clarify individual government's positions, strategies, aspirations and options. In turn, the NGOs demonstrated their interest in and level of commitment towards achieving sustainable fisheries policies and practices both within national jurisdiction and on the high seas.

Roundtable Common Interests

The Roundtable participants are concerned that concrete conservation and responsible fishing measures be adopted and implemented at the July Conference; and that the Conference not repeat the protracted Law of the Sea process. The Roundtable NGOs agreed that the following measures were necessary: a binding code of conduct for responsible fishing; effective international monitoring, control and surveillance systems; an ecosystem management approach, where possible, to fisheries management; restrictions on reflagging; improved scientific research and data collection to assess the impact of high seas fishing on the marine ecosystem; and the adoption of the precautionary principle (to abate, abstain, or prohibit fishing) where the resource is at risk and scientific information is not available or is inadequate.

Several other management principles and mechanisms, sanctions and types of governance (to include stakeholders, communities, and NGOs) were also discussed. The provisions of the Fisheries Treaty drafted at the Global Forum were reviewed and consideration was given to expanding the Treaty or developing a separate document prior to or during the Conference pertaining to straddling and highly migratory fish.

Follow-Up Action

1. Several Working Groups and an information exchange network were established in order to facilitate a cooperative approach in preparation for the July Conference. These groups/committees are open to all interested. Clif Curtis, Greenpeace agreed to coordinate the submissions from the Working Groups and disseminate the materials to all participants and others interested.

Working Group

Contact

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| Consistency Principle: | Sarah Chasis, NRDC |
| Precautionary Principle: | Indrani Lutchman, WWF, UK |
| Transparency and Accountability: | Lisa Speer, NRDC |
| Ecosystem Management Principle: | Andrew Palmer, American Oceans Campaign and Traci Romine, Greenpeace |
| Institutions: | Lisa Speer, NRDC |
| NGO Oceans Directory: | Evelyne Meltzer, UNAC |

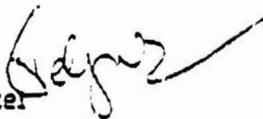
2. An Information Session for European NGOs is being planned (possibly in Geneva in June) in cooperation with Indrani Lutchman, WWF-UK and Art Van Remundt, Earthtrust.
3. It is hoped that an NGO newsletter will be circulated in May or June to bring everyone up to date on developments since the New York meeting in preparation for the July session (Greenpeace, UNAC, others).
4. Events for Oceans Day, June 8, are also in the offing. Oceans Day was officially proclaimed at the Earth Summit. (The Oceans Institute of Canada held a two day event at the Global Forum.)
5. Canadian NGOs are planning to coordinate activities in Canada (and possibly abroad) prior to the Conference, perhaps in conjunction with Oceans Day.
6. The U.S. NGOs were planning to continue networking prior to the Conference and to link in with the Roundtable and other NGOs.
7. A full report of the New York Roundtable is being sent to southern NGOs and other interested parties who were unable to attend.

During the Organizational Meeting, Morocco, Tunisia and India attempted to undermine the participation of NGOs in the July conference. The Roundtable NGOs lobbied during the session to protect their access to and participation in the formal sessions. As a result of these efforts, NGOs mitigated these efforts to circumscribe NGO participation. NGOs are invited to make formal written submissions to the Conference Secretariat prior to May 15, 1993.

The Roundtable proved to be useful and productive. (please see attached Press releases.)

Many thanks,

Evelyne Meltzer
UNAC



NGO ROUNDTABLE
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APRIL 20, 21, 22, 1993
REVISED AGENDA

TUESDAY APRIL 20

- 8:30 Discussion of Agenda and Objectives
9:30 Tabling of Resource Materials (see attached list)
9:45 Invitations to Delegations to meet with NGO Roundtable
- (10:00 -1:00 Convening of Plenary Session)
- 1:00 Break
- 1:30 Brief global overview of straddling stocks and highly migratory species,
Evelyne Meltzer, UNAC
- 1:45 Code of Conduct on High Seas, Indrani Lutchman, WWF-UK.
2:30 Greenpeace Submission to FAO Technical Consultation on High Seas
Fishing, Clif Curtis, Greenpeace International
3:00 SONAR draft Code of Conduct, Richard Cashin, FFAW-CAW
- 3:30 Break
- 4:00 Code of Conduct (cntd.)
4:15 Management principles: Special Interest of Coastal States
5:15 Organization of work for remainder of Roundtable.
- 5:30 Break
- 6:00 Debriefing with delegates from Peru, Chile, and Iceland
- 8:00 ADJOURN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

- 9:15 Meeting with U.S. Delegation
9:45 U.S. report on Reflagging Agreement
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Management Principles
1:00 Management Mechanisms

(Working Lunch)

- 2:15 NGO Strategies/Next Steps

- Roundtable report
- Discussion of further roundtables
- Establishment of working groups
- Oceans' Day, Judith Swan, OIC

5:30 Break

(6:15 Meeting with EC rescheduled for 2:00 Thursday)

7:30 Debriefing with Canadian delegation and GIS presentation
10:30 ADJOURN

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

8:30 NGO Positions and Activities

- WWF
- Earthtrust
- American Oceans Campaign
- NRDC
- Audubon Society
- Trickle Up
- Greenpeace
- SONAR
- UNAC

10:00 NGO Strategies

- Target Countries
- NGO Participation in July Conference
- Fisheries Treaties
- Newsletter
- NGO Secretariat
- Oceans' Day
- Oceans' Working Group/ Mailing List

11:30 Break

2:00 Meeting with EC (Commission representatives, Denmark, Germany Spain,
and U.K.)

(3:00-5:00 Convening of Plenary Session)

5:00 UNAC Press Release

5:15 Meeting with Chair, Satya Nandan

6:45 ADJOURN



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April 22, 1993

UNA-CANADA PRESS RELEASE

NGOs gear up for the UN conference on overfishing (New York, July 1993)

New York - The Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) have begun gearing up for the UN Conference on the problem of overfishing on high seas, to be held in New York from 12-30 July, 1993. They hope the Conference will result in concrete conservation and management measures to address this global fisheries crisis in national and international waters.

More than 20 Canadian, American and International NGOs are represented this week in New York for the organizational session preceding the July Conference. In an effort to exchange ideas and to seek areas of cooperation among NGOs, the United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) is coordinating a 3-day Round-Table, attended by: Greenpeace, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the National Audubon Society, International Coalition of Fisheries Associations, Earthtrust, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Council on Ocean Law, the American Oceans Campaign, Environmental Defense Fund, Oceans Institute of Canada, SONAR, and the UNA-Canada.

The NGOs seek an effective and enforceable management regime for straddling and highly migratory fish stocks to be concluded at the July Conference. This group of NGOs promotes the implementation of concrete measures including: a binding code of conduct for responsible fishing, a precautionary approach to management, restrictions on reflagging, and improved scientific research to assess the impact of high seas fishing on the marine ecosystem.

The NGOs stressed the need for effective conservation and responsible management measures to ensure the sustainable development of fisheries everywhere, as fish do not respect political boundaries.

The problem of overfishing of straddling stocks (those fish which migrate beyond the 200-mile limit into international waters) is especially important to Canada. The federal government has taken this issue to the international community at the United Nations to further Canada's efforts to control foreign fleets offshore Newfoundland. Canada is championing the cause to protect the global commons.

This NGO Roundtable is chaired by Ms. Evelyne Meltzer from UNA-Canada's Halifax Branch.

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For further information, please contact Evelyne Meltzer (and leave a message for her) at the Beekman Towers Hotel of New York at 212-355-7300 or (after Friday) at 902-492-3663.