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on Exchange of National Enforcement Officers in 1967

1. CANADA-USA

Fisheries enforcement officers of the United States of America and Canada who are directly responsible for enforcement of regulations recommended by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries undertook exchange visits between 14 August 1967 and 3 September 1967. Each was afforded opportunity to see in action enforcement procedures of the other, both at sea and in port.

A group of officers from each country worked together during the entire exchange period. In Canada they visited the ports of Lunenburg, Halifax, Mulgrave, Petit de Grat and Louisbourg where enforcement procedures and checks of gear were carried out by the local officers responsible for this work in each port. The officers then proceeded to sea aboard the Canadian patrol vessel *Chebucto* from which a Canadian fishing vessel was boarded and checked.

Before all of the boarding activity desired could be completed the *Chebucto* was called on a search and rescue mission. The officers accordingly transferred to the United States coastguard *Vigilant* to carry out and observe boarding and checking procedures on United States fishing vessels. Visits were then made to the ports of Bedford, Gloucester and Boston where there were demonstrations of enforcement and checking of gear in United States ports.

During all the exchange period the nets examined which were intended for capture of regulated species under ICNAF were in order. One Canadian fishing vessel failed to stop when ordered to do so by the Canadian patrol vessel and in this instance a charge has been laid and the matter is before the courts.

2. CANADA-POLAND

Every effort was made to carry out an exchange between Polish and Canadian enforcement officers in 1967. Arrangements were made to have Polish fisheries protection officers contact the Canadian Department of Fisheries office in St. John's, Newfoundland. The contact was made on 18 September 1967 but at that time the Polish officers were not in a position to arrange an exchange to take place during the few remaining weeks of suitable weather. It was indicated that it should be possible to arrange such an exchange in 1968.

3. CANADA-FRANCE

Approaches were made to the authorities in France to undertake a Canada-France exchange. There was a discussion on the subject in London, England during the Fisheries Policing Conference in March between appropriate authorities of the two countries. It was indicated that the officers from the French frigate *Commandant Bourdais* would communicate with our offices either in St. John's, Newfoundland or Halifax, Nova Scotia. The French enforcement officer was to be from St. Pierre and Miquelon. It was understood from later enquiry that the officer concerned had been recalled to France and that the new appointee was not in a position to undertake the exchange during 1967.

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