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Opening Remarks by The Honorable Jim Saxton, U.S. Representative

Statement of the Honorable James Saxton

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The Pacific Salmon Treaty

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As many Members know, the United States and Canada have participated jointly in the Pacific Salmon Commission since the Pacific Salmon Treaty was signed in 1985. The relationship between the two Nations has not always been cordial in the salmon arena. In fact, we have been fishing without comprehensive fishery regimes since 1993 because of the inability of the parties to the Pacific Salmon Commission to agree on the harvest levels.

I am pleased that the two Nations have recently reached a new agreement on the Pacific Salmon Treaty. This agreement was signed on June 30, 1999.

This Subcommittee has held hearings on the Pacific Salmon Treaty in the past and this oversight hearing will focus primarily on the newly-signed agreement. In particular, we would like to focus on how this historic agreement was reached, and what Congress needs to do to implement this new agreement.

I would like to thank our witnesses for appearing before the Subcommittee today and look forward to hearing their testimony.

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