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et
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**Accord (avec appendice) concernant la pêche au crabe
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NO. 7863. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOV-
ERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS RELATING TO FISHING FOR KING CRAB.
SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 5 FEBRUARY 1965

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics having considered in a spirit of mutual understanding their problems relating to the king crab fishery on the continental shelf in the light of their ratifications of the Convention on the Continental Shelf adopted at Geneva, 1958,² and having taken into account the existing fishery of the Soviet Union for king crab in the eastern Bering Sea, have agreed as follows :

1. The king crab is a natural resource of the continental shelf over which the coastal state has sovereign rights for the purposes of exploration and exploitation in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Convention on the Continental Shelf.

2. Nationals and vessels of the Soviet Union may carry out commercial fishing for king crab on the continental shelf of the United States for a period of two years in that area of the eastern Bering Sea described in the Appendix³ to this Agreement, provided that the annual commercial catch by Soviet nationals and vessels in such area shall not exceed 118,600 cases of 48 half-pound cans each in 1965 and 1966.

3. Each Government will apply the measures specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Appendix to this Agreement to its nationals and vessels engaged in the king crab fishery in the eastern Bering Sea. These measures may be modified by agreement between the two Governments. Either Government shall, if requested by the other Government, provide opportunity for observation of the conduct of enforcement of the provisions of this Agreement and for that purpose shall permit duly authorized officers of the other Government to board its vessels engaged in the king crab fishery in the eastern Bering Sea. These officers will make a report on the results of their observations; the report will be forwarded to the flag government for appropriate action if such should be necessary.

¹ Came into force on 5 February 1965, by signature.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 499, p. 311.

³ See p. 100 of this volume.