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<p><b>Pacific Fishery Regulations, 1993, amendment</b></p> <p>The proposed amendment adjusts an earlier fee schedule for commercial geoduck, sablefish and halibut fishing licences.</p> <p>The previous fees for these licences came into effect on January 1, 1996. The original intention had been to base the fees on 5 percent of the quota holding, using 1990/93 average prices. However, fees were set initially at a lower level in recognition of the contributions that these fisheries had already made towards fisheries management costs.</p> <p>This amendment proposes to use a formula in place of the flat 5 percent formula previously used in the Pacific. The formula calculates fees on 3 percent for the first \$50,000 in quota holdings, using 1990/93 average prices, and 5 percent for the amount over \$50,000.</p> <p>This formula is designed to reduce the disincentive for a fleet sector to adopt the individual quota system, and to be fairer to fleet sectors with smaller quota holdings.</p> <p>The proposed licence fee increase for geoduck, sablefish and halibut is consistent on a national basis.</p>	<p><i>Immigration Act</i>, subsections 114(1) and (10)</p> <p>Published in Canada Gazette November 7, 1998</p>

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## Proposed Regulations

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These amendments are expected to affect 48 sablefish, 55 geoduck and 435 halibut fishers. On average, the 1999 licence fee for a geoduck licence will be \$8,240 and for a sablefish licence, \$17,678, compared to \$3,532 and \$9,843, respectively, in 1998.

Some 232 fishers will be paying more for a licence while 203 fishers will be paying less for a licence. As result of this re-distribution, the average increase to licence fees for halibut fishers will be 4 percent (\$220).

The new fees are expected to generate additional revenues of about \$733,000 in 1999, assuming 1998 total allowable catch levels.

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## Ministerial Orders Approved

Statutory Authority

### Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency Quota Regulations, amendment (SOR/98-553)

These amendments sets the final 1998 limits for broiler hatching eggs in the signatory provinces, for the 12-month period commencing on January 1, 1998.

More specifically, the limits for broiler hatching eggs are as follows: Ontario, 165,068,131; Quebec, 172,691,575; Manitoba, 24,808,119; British Columbia, 94,967,427; and Alberta, 70,638,587.

These Regulations come into force on November 17, 1998.

*Farm Products Agencies Act*, paragraph 22(1)(f); subsection 5(1) of the schedule to the *Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency Proclamations*

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