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NAMES OF FEATURES BEYOND A SINGLE SOVEREIGNTY

UNDERSEA FEATURES

Presented by the Government of Canada*

Introduction

1. Canada is a country bordered by three oceans: the Atlantic on the east, the Pacific on the west and the Arctic on the north. Recent measurements of the Canadian coast line, including major and medium-sized islands beyond the mainland, produced the astonishing total of 156,000 statute miles.
2. The exploitation of the natural resources of Canada's off-shore waters has been the subject of scientific study for a long period. The search for oil under the sea-bed has accelerated. Protection of the natural environment in the utilization of sea resources has become a matter of urgent concern. In these circumstances, it is natural for Canada to take a keen interest in the identification and designation of undersea natural features.

I. RELATED CANADIAN AGENCIES

3. Hydrographic survey work in Canada under Canadian Government auspices began in 1883. The Canadian Hydrographic Service was established in 1904. This work was primarily directed towards ensuring safe surface navigation of coastal and inland waters, but of necessity embraced some investigation of sea-bottom features.

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