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Recommendation Submitted by: David VanderZwaag  
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 I fully agree with the detailed comments by the two reviewers. The  
 article should be substantially revised to address all the critical  
 comments.

**Response:** All comments made by reviewers have been addressed in the new version of the manuscript

 The authors need to be consistent and accurate in distinguishing formal  
 fisheries treaties and informal fisheries arrangements.   
 The Gulf of Maine fisheries management situation might best be described  
 as a transboundary fisheries management arrangement as there is no  
 overarching treaty but cooperation is based on exchanges of letters and  
 institutional mechanisms. The authors might also note how  
 many transboundary stocks are not yet under any agreed to conservation  
 measures, for example, Atlantic mackerel and herring.

**Response:** We have changed the Gulf of Maine agreement to “arrangement” and have expanded the discussion on those species not currently co-managed by Canada and the US.  
  
 In line 28, the United Nations incentivized actions in 1982, not 1985, as  
 the Convention on the Law of the Sea was adopted in 1982.  
**Response:** Addressed in text

 The final article of this Special Issue by Engler and Saunders is  
 expected to be submitted within the next few weeks. The authors should  
 consider cross referencing to that article also to ensure an "integrated"  
 set of papers.