

NORTHWEST WATER BOUNDARY

*Protocol signed at Washington March 10, 1873, with definition of
boundary line*

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PROTOCOL

Whereas it was provided by the first article of the Treaty between the United States of America and Great Britain, signed at Washington on the 15th of June 1846,¹ as follows:

"ARTICLE I

"From the point on the 49th Parallel of North Latitude, where the Boundary laid down in existing Treaties and Conventions between the United States and Great Britain terminates, the line of Boundary between the territories of the United States and those of Her Britannic Majesty shall be continued westward along the said 49th parallel of North Latitude, to the middle of the channel which separates the continent from Vancouvers Island; and thence southerly through the middle of the said channel, and of Fuca's Straits, to the Pacific Ocean; Provided, however, that the navigation of the whole of the said channel and straits, south of the 49th parallel of North Latitude, remain free and open to both parties."

And whereas it was provided by the XXXIVth Article of the Treaty between the United States of America and Great Britain, signed at Washington on the 8th of May, 1871,² as follows:

"ARTICLE XXXIV

"Whereas it was stipulated by Article I, of the Treaty concluded at Washington, on the 15th of June 1846, between the United States and Her Britannic Majesty, that the line of boundary between the territories of the United States and those of Her Britannic Majesty, from the point on the 49th parallel of North Latitude up to which it had already been ascertained, should be continued westward along the said parallel of North Latitude to the middle of the channel which separates the continent from Vancouvers Island, and

¹ TS 120, *ante*, p. 95.

² TS 133, *ante*, p. 185.