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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING HELD IN ROOM  
703 B. C. MINING BUILDING, VANCOUVER,  
on May 23rd, 1935 at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDED BY:	R. R. Payne	Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd.
	A. W. Groll	Deep Bay Packing Co. Ltd.
	S. Humphreys	Colonial Packers Limited.
	Geo. Phillips	B. C. Packers Limited.
	R. Nelson	Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.
	S. Moyer	Mark Gosse Fisheries Ltd.
	R. F. Winch	Queen Charlotte Fisheries Ltd.

and

J. Reynolds - Representing Nanaimo fishermen.

Mr. Reynolds ably presented the problems confronting the blueback trollers in the Nanaimo district at the above meeting and earnestly requested an increased price to the fishermen.

The canners carefully reviewed the market outlook for bluebacks and the disappointing quality of the fish now available, also the unusual small size of the fish at this time. After reviewing the costs of canning submitted by all packers, it was quite apparent that the cost of the finished article is at present in excess of today's selling price.

Until the quality of the fish improves or the market value increases, it is impossible for the canners to pay more than is now offered.

It was felt by the canners that if the problem was submitted to a fact finding committee, under the Fisheries Act, their position would be substantiated.

(Sgd) G. R. Clark  
SECRETARY

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FISHERMEN'S PRICE NEGOTIATIONS,  
Resolutions, etc.

*Resolution*

# Manifesto

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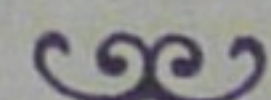
## Trollers of

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## MANIFESTO



**T**HE price of fish in British Columbia is partly the result of supply and demand, but is mainly the result of secret agreements by those powers that control the destiny of the fishing industry. These powers have their interlocking directorates and are organized to pay as little for fish as they possibly can. The only hope that the fisherman has for continued existence is successful counter-organization.

At a public meeting held in Nanaimo in April, 1934, the Deputy Minister of Fisheries told the fishermen assembled that the legislation introduced in the House is sponsored by organized interests and that fishermen are fools if they do not organize and protect their own interests.

Fortunately, the organization already exists—the British Columbia Trollers' Association. For a number of years the Association (under the name of West Coast Fishermen's Association) has protected your interests and now asks that you do yourself the favor of joining.

At the present moment the British Columbia Trollers' Association is an organization that is recognized by the Government and is consulted on all changes in the Fishing Regulations before they are put through. The Department values the opinion of the British Columbia Trollers' Association, but the value depends on the size of the membership.

Vital changes are in the offing; changes that are of tremendous importance to you. You, as an individual, cannot express your opinion in any way that counts; why not join an organization that can and does freely express its opinions and that looks after the interest of the trollers of British Columbia.

### **GAINS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE TROLLERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA TROLLERS' ASSOCIATION**

1. Duty on gas engines and engine parts reduced from 27 per cent to 15 per cent together with freedom from the 6 per cent sales tax.
2. Dumping duty reduced on gasoline imported by the fishermen.

3. Success in our efforts to have the Department of Marine and Fisheries instal fog-horns, lights, bell-buoys and marking on the West Coast.
4. Success in persuading the Department of Fisheries to close Alberni Canal, Coon Dog Bay, Barnet Pass, Baynes Sound and many other areas to seining.
5. Constant opposition to the reopening of these areas,—which have been applied for every season.
6. The West Coast Fishermen's Association started the movement to restrict the number of Japanese licenses, and the reorganized British Columbia Trollers' Association will carry on this idea to a successful conclusion.
7. The British Columbia Trollers' Association is not a Union, nor is it allied to any political creed. It is an association to safeguard the interest of trollers. It can not be considered as an organization dedicated to the principles of the strike, nevertheless, a number of successful strikes have been organized by its locals in different areas.

### **A few examples might be quoted:**

- (a) The price of cohoes was raised by the efforts of the West Coast Fishermen's Association on the West Coast from 40c to 80c per fish.
  - (b) The first year the West Coast Fishermen's Association worked at White Beach the price was raised from 35c to 60c for cohoes. The next year it was raised from 50c to 75c. After this, the Co-operative Association entered the field and the West Coast Fishermen's Association withdrew in their favor.
  - (c) In 1930 a successful strike was organized at Millbank Sound, which maintained the price of springs at 14c all summer. This strike was so well organized that no time was lost, as the men fished and ran their own packers to Butedale.
8. The West Coast Fishermen's Association, in 1933, co-operated with other interested organizations in such a storm of protest that the Government cancelled the legislation calling for delivery within 24 hours of all fish at a cannery.

A number of very important questions are now being discussed in Government circles that are

vital to trollers. A few of them may be tabulated here:

1. The question of extending the Blueback close season until June 1st.
2. Seining in Blackfish Sound.
3. A close season for coho from October 31 to May 15.
4. Seining in southern part of Gulf of Georgia.
5. Clearing of slash and logs from streams.
6. The use of herring for reduction purposes.
7. The discontinuation of the public meeting of Mr. Found and the fishermen of different localities. Mr. Found says that he would rather meet delegates from Associations.

Plus these items of general interest, there are two vital questions that have cropped up lately:

1. The question of the gasoline tax: The British Columbia Trollers' Association is undertaking a publicity campaign to persuade the Government to withdraw this tax that imposes so great a burden on the troller.
2. The question of the Japanese trollers invading Northern waters. As you may know, there has been an agreement in the past whereby the Japanese promised not to fish north of Alert Bay. Last summer a number of Japanese went beyond this line and trouble resulted. It is feared that there will be a repetition of this invasion on a larger scale in the coming season, and it will be desirable that fishermen organize so that all lawful steps be taken to check this menace from expanding to those remaining grounds where the white fisherman is free from Oriental competition.

#### **THE QUESTION IS:**

**Will you be content to sit back and let others control the fishing industry?**

**OR**

**Will you join us and become a member of an organization that has a definite voice in moulding the conditions under which you earn your living?**

**The fee is 50 cents.**

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for  
BRITISH COLUMBIA TROLLERS ASSOCIATION  
Nov. 15, 1934

the meeting came to order at 10.00a.m., Dr. C. R. Worthington presiding.

Minutes: Minutes for the last meeting were read and adopted.

Motion, moved by Mr. A. Gaunt, seconded by Mr. Harwood that as a number of members can distinctly remember the date was altered to the 3rd Thursday of November we go ahead with the regular business.

SUGGESTED AMMENDMENTS TO THE FISHERY REGULATIONS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1  
Motion: moved by Mr. J. Rogers, seconded by Mr. H. Ormond that we leave this matter of gillnetting in the Fraser to the gillnetters there and if they need our support after we let them have it  
Motion carried.

No. 2  
Motion: moved by Mr. A. Gaunt that we amend the herring seining boundary in Quatsino Sound to be from Robson Island to Log ~~Island~~ Point.  
Seconded by Mr. S. Vollmers.  
Motion carried.

No. 3  
Motion: moved by Mr. J. Rogers that we leave this regulation to the cod men. Seconded by Mr. H. Vollmers.  
Motion carried.

No. 4  
Motion: moved by Mr. Gaunt that this association go on record as being absolutely opposed to set nets for the use of catching of spring salmon. Seconded by Mr. Hauberg.  
Motion carried.

No. 5  
Motion: moved by Mr. H. Vollmers that this matter in Blinkinsop Bay be tabled until we have further information on the subject. Seconded by Mr. Harwood.  
Motion carried.

No. 6  
Motion: moved by Mr. Gaunt that the matter of reserving Blackfish Sound for trolling be tabled until a boundary for Blackfish Sound can be established. Seconded by Mr. H. Ormond.  
Motion carries.

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No. 7

*Protective*  
Motion: moved by Mr. Lloyd that we adopt the resolution of the Nanaimo FISH and Game Association asking for a limit of 3 miles for all nets from the east coast of Vancouver Island from the northern end of Seymour Harrows to Victoria instead of Resolution No. 7. Seconded by Mr. J. Rogers.  
Motion carried.

No. 8

Motion moved by Mr. D. Rogers that we leave this matter ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to the Hittinat gillnetters, and if they need our support later we let them have it. Seconded by Mr. A. Lloyd.  
Motion carried.

No. 9

Motion: moved by Mr. Lloyd that this law remain in force. Seconded by Mr. Jack Rogers.  
Motion carried.

No. 10

Motion: moved by Mr. S. Vollmers that this matter be left to the cod men. Seconded by Mr. J. Ford.  
Motion carried.

No. 11

Motion: moved by Mr. J. Sandiford that this suggestion be dropped as it is quite unnecessary. Seconded by Mr. Vollmers.  
Motion carried.

No. 12

Motion: moved by Mr. D. Rogers that this suggestion be referred back to the sockeye fishermen. Seconded by Mr. H. Vollmers.  
Motion carried.

Motion: moved by Mr. A. Gaunt that a delegation be appointed to draw up a resolution along the lines suggested by Mr. Tait to deal with the Japanese situation north of Blackfish Sound. Seconded by Mr. Hamberg.

The delegation to consist of Mr. Gaunt, Mr. Haki, Mr. D. Rogers, and Dr. Worthington.  
Motion carried.

Motion: moved by S. Vollmers that this association go on record as being strictly opposed to Japanese being in the fishing field and we advocate a ten per cent. cut in the number of Japanese trolling licenses issued. Seconded by Mr. Gaunt.  
Motion carried.

Motion: moved by Mr. Jack Rogers that the matter of relief and fishing be dropped. Seconded by Mr. S. Vollmers.  
Motion carried.

Motion: moved by Mr. A. Gaunt that gas be sold tax free to



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bona fide fishermen, who could get a certificate from a fishermen's association vouching for the fact that he is fishing for a living and is obtaining a living from fishing, and the gas he uses will be used only in the production of fish. Seconded by Mr. H. Vollmers.  
Motion carried.

Motion: moved by Mr. H. Vollmers that all diesel oil or gasoline be sold through a tank and not a meter, and the ~~the~~ that gauge should be visible from the boat. Seconded by Mr. D. Rogers.  
Motion carried.

Motion: moved by Mr. A. Gaunt that as Fishery Department authorities are not carrying out their duties, the committee already appointed be instructed to look after this matter of enforcing the laws.  
Motion carried.

Motion: moved by Mr. Gaunt, that since to our certain knowledge the use of nets to catch dog fish is being abused and the real purpose is to catch spring salmon, and therefore that this association ask that the Department to take steps to prevent this being carried on. Seconded by Mr. S. Vollmers. ✓  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Hauberg that the Fishery Department again be requested to carry out their promise that the source of proposed amendments to the Fishery regulations be clearly stated. Seconded by Mr. Jureit.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. H. Vollmers that the stenographer be permitted to rent a typewriter to copy out notes and minutes. Seconded by Mr. D. Rogers.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Jack Rogers that we adjourn until Nov. 16 at 10.00 a. m.

MINUTES FOR MEETING  
of  
BRITISH COLUMBIA TROLLERS' ASS'N  
Nov. 16, 1934

COMMUNICATION: a letter was received from Mr. G. S. Pearson stating he would be unable to attend our general meeting.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Gaunt that a wire be sent to Prime Minister R. B. Bennett demanding the presence of Mr. Found at our general meeting, pointing out that the Association went to the inconvenience of changing the date of the annual meeting to convenience Mr. Found. Seconded by Mr. Ormond.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Lloyd that the resolution concerning the matter of enforcing of Fishery Regulation be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hauberg.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. D. Rogers that the resolution concerning the matter of the Japanese trolling north of Blackfish Sound be adopted. Seconded by Mr. A. Gaunt.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Geo. Day that the northern boundary of Blackfish Sound be established as a line from Bold Point to Donegal Head to Pearce Islands. Seconded by Mr. A. Gaunt.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Lloyd that a resolution drawn up by him to stop combines in the buying of fish in the B. C. be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Jack Rogers.  
Motion carried.

AMENDMENT: moved by Mr. Gaunt that the word "farmer" be cut out of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. D. Rogers.  
Amendment carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Gaunt that the area included in the line from Mexican Point on Hope Island to Cape Scott be closed to seines and gillnetters. Seconded by Mr. S. Vollmers. <  
Motion carried.

Note. The coho runs of this district are nearly depleted because of illegal fishing being carried on.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Gaunt that this association go on record protesting the insulting manner in which the indian agent at Alert Bay treated Mr. E. Lloyd when he reported the infraction of the law by a seine boat in Hardy Bay. Also a protest be forwarded to the Fishery Department at Ottawa. The court was told by the indian agent that Mr. Lloyd was doing this in the hope of getting moiety of the fine. Seconded by Mr. J. Rogers.  
Motion carried.

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MOTION: moved by Mr. Gaunt that since the original excuse for allowing traps at Sooke is disappearing as the traps on the American side are being abolished, that all traps in B. C. be abolished. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd. *matter of Fed Policy*  
Motion carried.

Notice: as applied for by Mr. D. Rogers of his intention to bring forward a motion at the next general meeting to strike out the clause in our constitution prohibiting the association from being concerned in a strike.

Notice: as applied for by Mr. a. Gaunt of his intention to bring forward a motion at the next general meeting of this association that our annual meeting be held in Vancouver.

Motion; moved by Mr. S. Vollmers that the matter of Chinamen fishing around Blubber Bay illegally be brought to Mr. Tait's attention and in the possible absence of Mr. Tait, it be brought to Mr. Neill's attention. Seconded by Mr. Gaunt.  
*Carried*

REPORT: a report was given by Mr. L. Eddington stating that there are many organizations in B. C. battling in the Oriental question, under the name of the Congress of Canadian Federated Chartered Ass'ns.

NOMINATIONS: Mr. Eddington and Mr. Chamberlain were nominated as representatives to meet this Congress on behalf of our association.

MOTIONS moved by Mr. Eddington that we go on record as being against Dean R. W. Bronk and Prof. H. F. Angus being on the University of B. C. staff, as they are taking an active part in the attempt to obtain the franchisement of orientals. We request their immediate dismissal. Seconded by Mr. George Day.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. H. Vollmers that we send Mr. Hanna a wire to get him to attend our meeting tomorrow. Seconded by Mr. Eddington.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Eddington that we ask Mr. Neill if he can help us to get the following:  
a light on Mexicana point on Hope Island,  
a whistle bouy at Goose Island at the end of the Goslin Rocks.  
a spar bouy or light on Grant reef, outside of Harwood Is.  
a light on Earl's ledge opposite Salmon River.  
seconded by Mr. Rogers.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Hauberg that we recommend to the Government that any act in the Criminal code having a clause or part providing for a moiety to the informer be amended by having such a clause or part removed. Seconded by Mr. Henry Vollmers.  
Motion carried.

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MOTION: moved by Mr. H. Vollmers that at our meeting tomorrow afternoon that we tell off one individual to put each subject before the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Farwood.

MOTION: moved by Mr. A. Gaunt that the Department be asked to change their regulations so as only a cotton net be used to fish dogfish, and no dogfish licenses be issued if the fishermen cannot dispose of their dogfish. Seconded by Mr. G. Day.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Rogers that the matter of anchoring in Blubber Bay be tabled until tomorrow to be taken up with Mr. Neill. Seconded by Mr. H. Vollmers.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. D. Rogers that no troller be allowed to have a gillnet license while trolling and no gillnetter be allowed a trolling license while gillnetting. Seconded by Mr. G. Day.  
Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by Mr. D. Rogers that this association go on record as being opposed to the charge of \$25.00 for a fish buyer's license. Seconded by Mr. Jack Rogers.

MOTION: moved by Mr. H. Vollmers that Mr. Eddington and Mr. Chamberlain see that this meeting get publication through the Vancouver papers. Seconded by Mr. Jack Rogers.  
Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn until 8.30 tonight.