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Department Of Game & Fisheries.
Ottawa Ont.

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Dear Sir.

I would appreciate your department giving me some information regarding fishing boats at Vancouver B.C. I would like to know if the Government have Jap fishing boats for sale, to individual fishermen who would like to go into business at the coast.

If used boats are obtainable, who or what department would I write for this information. I am interested in a boat in the two thousand dollar class, with nets and equipment.

Will you kindly forward any information you may have on the above at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Yours truly.

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April 27, 1943.

M. G. Kavanagh, Esq.,
270 Hamel Ave.,
St. Boniface, Man.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 14th, addressed to the Department of Game and Fisheries, Ottawa, has finally reached this office for reply. In this connection I have to advise that all of the Japanese fishing vessels which were immobilized by the Department of National Defence have now been disposed of. It is my understanding that there may be a few vessels left but these are in an inferior condition and would require a great deal of reconditioning before they would be seaworthy.

If you desire more information regarding the condition of these boats I would suggest that you communicate with Mr. McMaster, Secretary, Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee, 1528 Marine Building, Vancouver.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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345 E. Mary St.

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Fort William Ont.

April 19/43.

Chamber of Commerce;

Vancouver B.C.

Mr. Secretary;

Dear Sir: Will you be kind enough to supply me with the following information.

I am interested in the fishing situation out there from a commercial point of view, and would like to know if the canning coys. were outfitting any one who would be able and willing to come out there and engage in fishing?

If this is not the case what would be the approximate cost to outfit for two men, are any of the Japanese boats available?

If you would be kind enough to let me have any information that feel would be important I would consider it a personal favor.

Trusting to hear from you in the near future I am very truly yours.

Ross G. Purcell

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May 4, 1943.

Ross G. Purcell, Esq.,
345 Mary St. East,
Fort William, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Chamber of Commerce has been passed along to this Department for reply. In connection therewith, I have to advise that there are now no Japanese boats available, all having been disposed of by the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee.

We are forwarding to you under separate cover, a copy of a booklet entitled "The Commercial Salmon Fisheries of British Columbia," which deals with the salmon fisheries of the Province, and from which you should gain considerable pertinent information.

I am unable to say whether any of the canning companies in British Columbia are prepared to outfit men with fishing gear who are not experienced in British Columbia fishing. May I suggest that you communicate direct with the companies listed below.

British Columbia Packers Ltd.,
Foot of Campbell Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd.,
Foot of Gore Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Nelson Bros. Fisheries, Ltd.,
325 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

J. H. Todd & Sons, Ltd.,
P.O.Box 578,
Victoria, B. C.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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Minister.
Dept of Fisheries + Marine.
Province of British Columbia.
Victoria. B.C.

Winnipeg, Man.
Mar. 22. 1943.

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Dear Sir:-

I have heard that the Govt of the Province of British Columbia has been encouraging inland fishermen to move to British Columbia and take up fishing there to replace to some extent at least the loss of volume occasioned by the removal from participation in the coast fisheries back of the Japanese who, formerly I understand, more or less dominated the scene in your part of Canada.

If I am correctly informed in this matter will you give me more detailed information as to what further steps are necessary in order to comply in all particulars to requirements of the situation.

My partner and myself are both motor mechanics and have wholesale and retail experience in handling fish in a small way (24 men employed) and have fished ourselves, and while we don't expect to class with your experienced coastal men, will try to get by. I remain

Sincerely Yrs
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March 26, 1943.

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St. Boniface, Man.

Dear Sir:

This will serve to acknowledge your letter of March 22nd, wherein you request information in connection with fishing in the Province of British Columbia.

In respect to the matter of the Government of British Columbia encouraging inland fishermen to migrate to this Province, I have to advise that you have been very much misinformed. The Government of British Columbia is not, either directly or by inference, encouraging anyone to enter the commercial fisheries of British Columbia. The suggestion that there is a loss of volume in production in British Columbia's fisheries since the Japanese element has been eliminated, is not true. I might mention for your information that, even when the Japanese were permitted to fish in British Columbia, they were not a dominant factor. Less than 14% of the total number of fishing licences issued in British Columbia in 1939 were issued to Orientals. Since Japan entered the war and the Department of National Defence immobilized the Japanese fishing fleet, the vessels formerly operated by Japanese have since been disposed of by their owners to white fishermen. Production figures indicate that there has been no lessening in production. It would appear that you have been grossly misinformed all around.

Yours very truly,

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Geo. J. Alexander.
Assistant Commissioner.