

1943 - Requests for information

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Mr. George Pearson

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Commissioner of Fisheries
Parliament Bldgs.
Victoria B.C.

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Dear Sir:-

Would you kindly advise
me, as to the Salmon fishing in British
Columbia.

I am of Scotch descent, born in Canada
33 years of age, Turned down by Canadian
Army.

Have had 11 seasons experience
on Great Lakes as fishing
operated a steam tug two of these seasons
Also sailed the Great Lakes as
whisman on lake steamers.

Have a fair knowledge of navigation
Have saved some money towards going
into business

Would you kindly inform me if
Commercial licenses are issued in
British Columbia

Also under what restrictions

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What method is most commonly
used Pond Net Gill Net Etc.

How much yardage is allowed
and how license is issued as to
yardage or Pond Net, price Etc.

If any restrictions ~~of~~ none resident
of British Columbia.

What locality is best suited
when it is not over fished

What is being done with Boats
Confiscated from Japanese fishermen
Are any being released for sale.

Now or in future.

Under what system are the fish sold.
are they contracted for by Canneries. if so
some idea of prices having been paid.

What season of year is the Salmon
run on. How long does it usually last.

Is there other fishing through the
rest of the year.

In short if I could locate in district
and have an opportunity to go ahead in
the fishing Industry of British Columbia
West Coast.

Will you kindly give as much
information as possible and oblige.

Yours respectfully

Walter J. Graham Meaford Ontario.

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March 25, 1943.

Walter J. Graham, Esq.,
Marshall Street,
Meaford, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 15th, addressed to Mr. Geo. Pearson, Commissioner of Fisheries, has been handed to me for reply.

In answering the various questions with respect to the salmon fisheries of the Province, I can probably do no better than to refer you to literature on the subject. I am, therefore, forwarding under separate cover, a copy of a booklet entitled "The Commercial Salmon Fisheries of British Columbia," also a copy of the Special Fishery Regulations for British Columbia. A perusal of these two booklets will answer most of your questions with the probable exception of what disposal has been made of the vessels formerly owned by Japanese fishermen. In connection with this letter, I have to advise that all of these vessels which were formerly owned by Japanese fishermen and immobilized by the Department of National Defence, have since been disposed of to white fishermen. Practically all of them are back in the fishing industry.

The fishing in British Columbia is, in many respects, similar to fishing in any other part of the world, in that the fish are where you find them. Before investing any money in equipment in the fisheries of British Columbia, I would suggest that you personally visit the coast and, if possible, work for a season in the fisheries, either as a fisherman or in one of the shore plants, with a view to obtaining personal knowledge

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of the conditions prevailing here. By so doing I am sure
you will have a much better idea of the possibilities.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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Government of B. L.

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Dept of game & fisheries

I'd like some information
in regards to fishing in
or out of the Fraser river.
what license or tax and
size of net mesh.

also about Japanese boats
runners here, is the Government
has some ^{boats} to sell or lease?

our fish season is over
here and would to find
something

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Yours truly
M M Burnstead

Yours very

March 8, 1943.

W. M. Bumsted, Esq.,
Flin Flon, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 2nd, we are forwarding to you under separate cover, some literature dealing with the fisheries of British Columbia.

Regarding the matter of Japanese fishing boats which were impounded by the Federal Government, I have to advise that these vessels have all been disposed of and are presently back in the fishing industry.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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736-17th Ave West
Calgary Alta.

Mar. 1/43

Dear Sir,

VICTORIA B.C.

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Would you be so kind as
to advise me regarding the following
particulars.. I understand trap boats
can be rented. If so, what is the
rental charged? What is the cost of
fishing license? The average price for
fish? The best months for fishing?

Roughly speaking how far from Vancouver
is fishing done? Is gasoline available
for boats?

I would be glad of any information
that you can give me. as my partner &
myself will be coming to Vancouver.
if it ~~we~~ figure the fishing there is
profitable - Hoping to hear from
you at your earliest convenience
remain

I am a returned vet age 46
with a family of ~~4~~ 3 at home
one boy in air force

Yours truly
A. F. Rush.

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March 4, 1943.

A. F. Rush, Esq.,
736 - 17th Avenue, West,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 1st re Japanese fishing vessels, this is to advise that you have been misinformed, as no Japanese fishing vessels have been available for rent or charter, except possibly the odd one for which arrangements might have been made direct with the owner. The Government impounded some two thousand Japanese fishing vessels in British Columbia at the outbreak of hostilities with Japan and these vessels were all sold before the commencement of the last fishing season. None are now available.

In reply to the other questions contained in your letter, I am forwarding to you under separate cover, literature on the fisheries of British Columbia which should give you the desired information. I might also say that up until the present time, the Oil Comptroller of Canada has seen fit to issue what gasoline is necessary to carry on the fisheries in this Province.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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Yordegg, Alta. Jan. 27/43

B.C. Gov. Fisheries Dept.
Victoria, B.C.

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Gentlemen.

I am contemplating going to the coast to fish in May, and am writing you for what information you may be able to give me. I have any of those second hand boats the Gov. had are still available and the price and any other information you may give me will be greatly appreciated as I never fished in B.C. and therefore my request for information.

Awaiting your reply and thanking you in anticipation, I am,

Yours Sincerely

Stewart Fleming

Yordegg.

Alta.

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February 1, 1943.

Stewart Fleming, Esq.,
Nordegg, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 27th, wherein you advise that you are contemplating coming to the Pacific coast of British Columbia to fish in May.

As you do not state what kind of fishing it is your intention to enter, I am rather at a loss to know how to reply. I can, however, inform you that the fishing vessels formerly owned by Japanese and which were impounded by the Federal Government, have now been disposed of and it is my understanding that the committee in charge of the disposal has also been disbanded.

We are forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of a booklet entitled "The Commercial Salmon Fisheries of British Columbia," together with a copy of this Department's annual report for 1941. The former publication will give you some idea of the salmon fisheries, while a perusal of the report will indicate to you in a statistical way, something of the other fisheries.

You will observe that there are many different fisheries in the Province of British Columbia, each requiring some specialized knowledge and equipment. May I suggest that, before you make any permanent move to enter the fisheries of British Columbia, you pay a

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visit to the coast with the idea of obtaining some first hand knowledge of the industry. I feel that any money thus expended will be amply repaid.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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1715 Collage Lane
Calgary Alta Jan 12/43
The Depart Fisheries
Victoria B.C.

Dear Sirs. Would you be kind enough to forward me the following information

I am a Canadian and have lived in Canada all my life. What licenses are required to operate a fishing boat in B.C. and what are the fees for same. (Salmon catch)

Could I employ an American citizen as helper on boat - he is residing in Canada for the past 12 years.

Could you forward the regulations for boat - concerning rules and regulations?

Could you give me the names of the company who is looking after those fishing boats for sale in Vancouver. I am referring to the Japs Fishing boats.

What qualifications does one have to have for an weighing man. one they appointed by the B.C. government?

Thanking you for an reply
I remain Yours
N. Mc Mann

January 15, 1942.

N. McMann, Esq.,
1715 College Lane,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 12th, I would advise that I am forwarding to you under separate cover, a copy of the Special Fishery Regulations for British Columbia, a close perusal of which should answer most of the questions contained in your letter, especially the question in connection with licence fees.

In respect to the hiring of a helper who is an American citizen, you will note in the regulations that each person on a fishing boat is required to have a licence and licences may only be obtained by British subjects. The fact that the applicant had resided in Canada for twelve years would not matter.

With respect to the Japanese fishing vessels which were impounded last year, I would advise that it is my understanding that all these vessels have been disposed of and the committee which was set up to dispose of same has been disbanded.

In respect to the last question in your letter regarding a "weighing" man, I am at a loss to know just what you mean. If by this you mean a person whose duty it is to tally the fish into the various canneries, I may advise that this person is an employee of the company and not of the Government.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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1915-46th Ave. S.W.

Nov. 17-1943.

Fisheries Dept.
Provincial Govt.
Victoria B.C.

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Please send me any information you have which would be useful to me, in connection with all types of Commercial Fishing. I am mostly interested in gill netting and in the Fraser River.

Please advise if any equipment is available from custodian of alien property, and advise proper address or redirect this enquiry.

Your attention in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

J. E. Peattie

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November 23, 1943.

J. E. Beatty, Esq.
1915 - 46th Ave., S.W.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of November 17th, we are forwarding to you under separate cover, a copy of a booklet entitled "Commercial Salmon Fisheries of British Columbia" which should give you some valuable information in connection with gill-netting for salmon.

With respect to the inquiry contained in the second paragraph of your letter, I would suggest that you communicate direct with the Custodian of Enemy Property, 675 West Hastings St., Vancouver, B. C.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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VICTORIA

November 23, 1943.

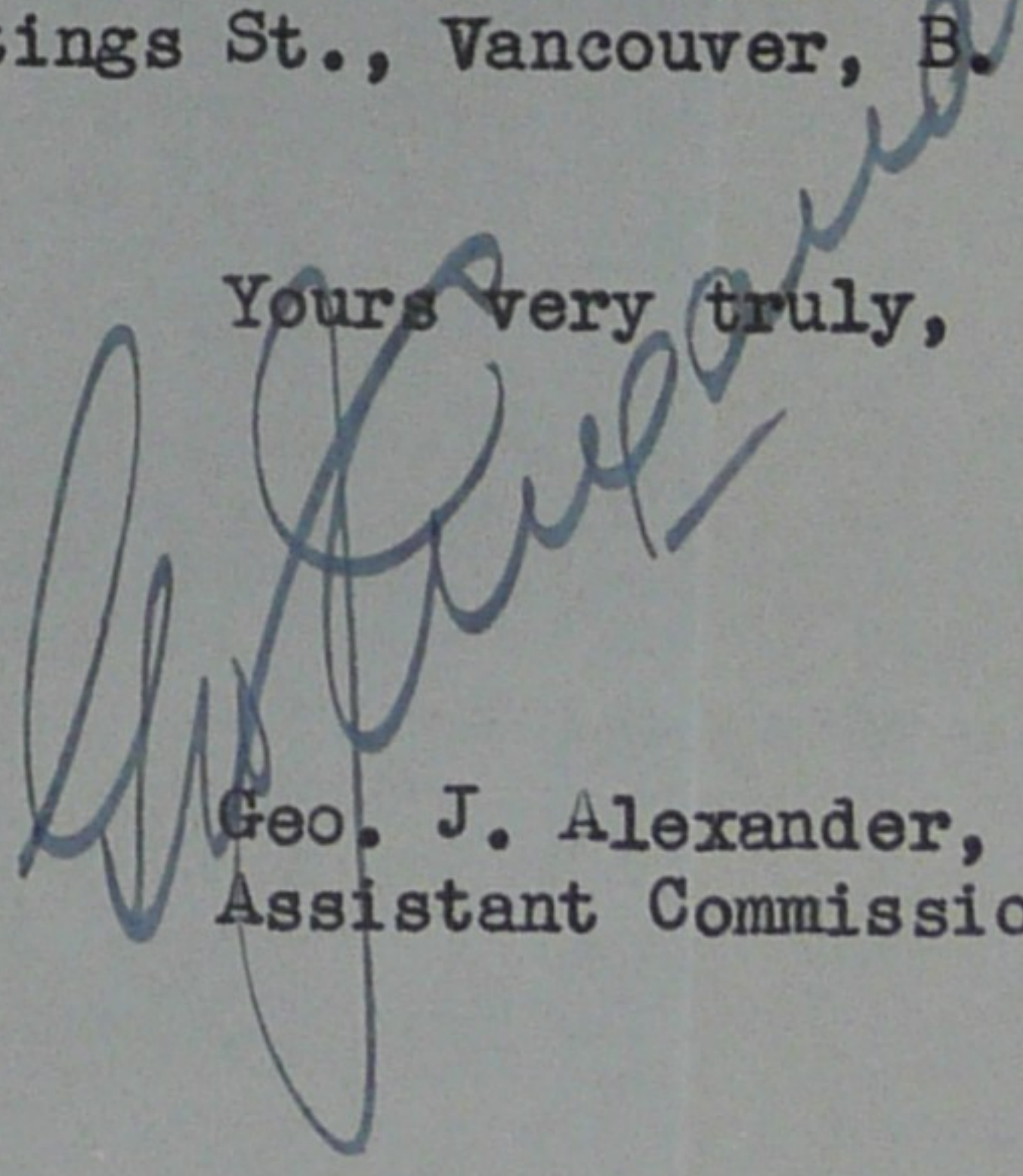
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