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S/P

March 17, 1942.

Dear Mr. McMaster:

Many thanks for your note of
March 13th.

The purpose of asking for a continuance of your courtesy in forwarding your reports to Mr. Mackenzie is largely to keep records in our office complete. As you are aware, almost every subject of public controversy in British Columbia is made the theme of correspondence addressed to Mr. Mackenzie as the Minister from that Province. Consequently he is occasionally called upon to deal with matters that are not, strictly speaking, within his executive responsibility and it is very useful indeed to have this information on file.

The Minister has appreciated your kindness very much.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

C.N. Senior,
Private Secretary.

A.E. McMaster, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
1528 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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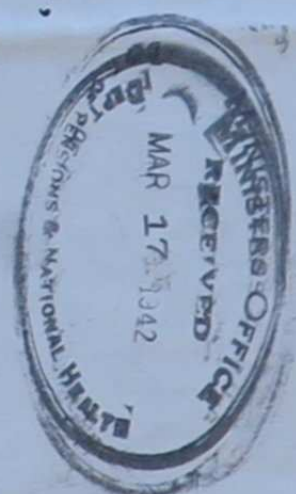
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1520 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

March 13, 1942.

Committee:
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH
CHAIRMAN
COMMANDER B. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., R.C.N.R.
KISHIZO KIMURA
A. E. MCMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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Mr. Norman Senior,
Private Secretary,
The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Senior:

We are sending the Honourable Ian Mackenzie a copy of a brief weekly report prepared for the Minister of Fisheries, and have been receiving his acknowledgment in each case.

Please note that we shall continue to send this report to your Minister each week and that it is not necessary to acknowledge receipt.

If, however, the Minister or you should care to comment on the text of the report, and suggest any additional data which might be of interest, we shall be very glad indeed to hear from you.

Hoping all goes well with you,

Sincerely yours,

AEM/PH.

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Ottawa, March 16, 1942.

Dear Mr. McMaster:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of the 13th instant, in which you enclosed Weekly Report No. 7, covering the activities of your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A. T. McMaster, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
1528 Marine Building,
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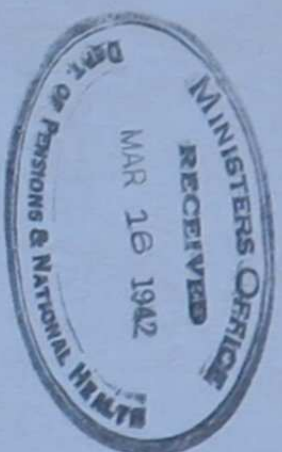
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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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March 15, 1942.

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AIR MAIL
PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No. 7 of March 13th,
1942, briefly covering the activities of this
Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIESNo. 7 - March 13, 1942.

35 vessels were sold during the week, and in addition 7 vessels were released to registered owners after verification of ships papers. In all, 209 vessels have been released to date, or about 20 per cent of the vessels now recorded with the Committee.

The Air Force and the Army Transport Department are seeking additional vessels, and our surveyors have assisted them in their selections. In all, 8 additional requisitions are anticipated.

Inspection of vessels continues to show an active interest. We repeat the statement shown in last week's report and have added passes issued and the number of people inspecting vessels, for the current week:

| | <u>No. Passes</u> | <u>No. People</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Up to and including Feb. 12 | 20 | 43 |
| Week ending Feb. 19 | 21 | 52 |
| " " Feb. 26 | 92 | 165 |
| " " Mar. 5 | 122 | 258 |
| " " Mar. 12 | 145 | 268 |

In last week's report we expressed the opinion that the larger fishing companies would be stimulated into more active buying if the arbitration facilities set up by your Committee were used. We were able to bring one of the disputed cases with the Canadian Fishing Company to the Committee for arbitration this week, and had it promptly and satisfactorily settled. Arbitration was commenced on four other vessels, but application


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was withdrawn, and the matter settled between the parties. All these five vessels were included in the sales approved by us during this week.

In the matter of settlement of claims for damage to vessels while in Naval Custody, the Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast, has submitted our recommendation that a fund be placed at the disposal of this Committee for the prompt settlement of claims surveyed jointly by the Committee's surveyor and the Naval surveyor, to the Secretary, Naval Board, Ottawa, and we are now awaiting decision.

A total of 35 claims, totalling \$3273.96, has been assessed to date. This does not include the claims which will come from the large number of vessels already repaired in shipyards, or in process of being repaired.

Regarding the vessels coming within the jurisdiction of the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property, which were advertised for sale through the press, an analysis has not yet been made of the tenders submitted on these vessels, but we should be able to report on this matter in next week's letter,


A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

PH.

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Week ended March 13th, 1942.

| Vessel Types - | | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
| 1. Vessels Registered | - Total to Date | 60 | 120 | 633 | 139 | 85 | 1037 |
| 2. Requisitioned by Services | - " " | 10 | 6 | - | 12 | 1 | 29 |
| 3. Released to Owners | - This Week | - | - | 6 | - | 1 | 7 |
| | Previously | - | 1 | 56 | 2 | 16 | 75 |
| | Total to Date | - | 1 | 62 | 2 | 17 | 82 |
| 4. Completed Sales | - This Week | 8 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 1 | 35 |
| | Previously | 11 | 5 | 31 | 12 | 4 | 63 |
| | Total to Date | 19 | 8 | 44 | 22 | 5 | 98 |
| 5. Total Vessels Released to Date | - | 29 | 15 | 106 | 36 | 23 | 209 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 6. Value of Sales to Date | \$ 314,473.55 |
| 7. Cash Payment on Sales to Date | \$ 221,025.60 |
| 8. Amount Paid to Vendors " | \$ 118,496.20 |
| 9. Amount Earned by Commission @ 1% | \$ 3,144.73 |
| 10. Vessels Surveyed - This Week | 38 |
| Total to Date | 112 |

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers

C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers

E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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Send the following message, subject to the conditions on the back thereof, which are hereby agreed to.

W. D. NEIL, General Manager of Communications, Montreal

Ottawa, 14th March, 1942

Major Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,
1130 Marine Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Retel Question under advisement in Justice Department
(Stop) Shall advise you soon as decision reached
Regards

Ian Mackenzie

Charge - Minister's Office,
Dept. Pensions & National Health.

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Hon Ian Mackenzie

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would appreciate advice as to what is being done relative
prohibiting Japanese in Canada from securing shooting and fishing
permits stop perhaps this not important nevertheless an order to this
extent will be helpful.

Austin C Taylor, Chairman BC Security Commission

740pm

Come on Canada! — Buy the New Victory Bonds

OTTAWA, March 14, 1942.

to -

Mr. W.S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

With further reference to my memorandum of the 11th instant, I am attaching, for your information, copy of a letter which has been received from the Minister of Fisheries from which you will note that he is in favour of this Department formulating a plan whereby the undisposed boats of Japanese could be made available to ex-servicemen and thereby rehabilitate them with the fishing industry.

C.N. Senior,
Private Secretary.

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My dear Colleague:

I have your letter of the 11th instant to which you have appended copy of a letter and memorandum forwarded to you by the Vancouver Zone Council of the Canadian Legion of the B. E. S. L., Vancouver, B.C., with reference to a plan of rehabilitation for ex-service men with the fishing industry on the Pacific Coast.

Copy of this memorandum has also been forwarded to me by the Secretary of the Legion.

As the rehabilitation of ex-service men does not come within the scope of my jurisdiction, I, nevertheless, believe that the scheme as outlined in the memorandum deserves careful consideration. There is no doubt that a large number of the boats seized and requisitioned from Japanese fishermen will not be purchased from the Commission presided by Mr. Justice Smith. After the Commission shall have functioned for a little time, the number of boats available or not disposed of shall be easy to ascertain. These boats will either have to be scuttled, sold by the Salvage Officer, or disposed of in some other way. I believe that your Department should formulate a plan whereby these undisposed boats could be made available to ex-service men and, thereby, rehabilitate them with the fishing industry.

Yours very truly,

J. L. Wickham

Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K.C., P.C.
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
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ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER:

This refers to your memorandum of March 9th, enclosing letter from Mr. McGillivray of the Vancouver Zone Council of the Canadian Legion about a rehabilitation scheme in connection with the fishing industry. Please note copy of the Minister's letter to the Minister of Fisheries.

The Minister did not comment particularly on your suggestion about consulting the committee having charge of the disposal of the vessels but it would certainly seem advisable that they should be informed immediately. I think it would be for you to reply to Mr. McGillivray's letter.

Incidentally, at the suggestion of the Vancouver Zone Council, the Minister of Fisheries the other day intervened to prevent the committee from disposing of fishing nets. An order in council has been passed bringing this matter under the control of the Export Permit regulations.

Private Secretary.

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SM

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SM
Ottawa, 11th March, 1942

My dear Colleague,-

I enclose herewith copy of a letter and memorandum suggesting a rehabilitation plan for ex-service men in connection with the fishing industry on the Pacific Coast.

Part of the plan contemplates acquisition by the Government of a number of the Japanese fishing boats. My Department has, of course, no authority to advance money for the purchase of such boats, but as we are prepared to consider any proposal which offers a real opportunity of rehabilitating ex-service men, I should be glad to have your advice as to the economic possibilities involved in the proposal.

If, in your opinion, the scheme has merit, I assume it would be necessary to act quickly with regard to the fishing boats, as it will be the duty of the Commission presided over by Mr. Justice Smith to sell them as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable J. E. Michaud, M.P.,
Minister of Fisheries,
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to
Veuillez expedier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes

Ottawa, 10th March, 1942

T. M. Harnett, Esq.,
Vancouver Zone Council,
Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L.,
819 West Pender Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

By order in council effective March eleventh no further
exports of fishing nets and netting will be permitted except under
authority of the Export Permit Branch of Department of Trade and
Commerce (Stop) Regards

Ian Mackenzie

Charge - Minister's Office,
Dept. Pensions & National Health.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

March 10th, 1942.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER



My dear Colleague,

The telegram from Mr. T.M. Harnett of Vancouver, copy of which you enclosed with your letter of the 9th instant, no doubt refers to the development that was brought to the attention of my Department a few days ago wherein fishermen of Oriental origin, recently debarred from continuing to engage in the British Columbia fisheries for the duration of the war, were taking advantage of the higher prices being offered to dispose of their nets to United States interests.

Coupled with the difficulty already experienced in procuring supplies of suitable fishing nets, the loss of this gear would seriously embarrass our normal production in certain British Columbia fisheries and the matter was immediately taken up with the Department of Trade and Commerce with a view to bringing nets under the control of the Export Permit Regulations. Action to that end was authorized by Order in Council passed yesterday and I am informed that effective tomorrow, the 11th instant, no further exports of fishing nets and netting will be permissible unless authorized by the Export Permit Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Yours very truly,

J. S. Macdonald
Minister.

Honourable Ian Mackenzie,
Minister,
Department of Pensions and National Health,
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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER
OTTAWA

March 9, 1942.

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Honourable the Minister.

I am enclosing herewith letter I have received from the Vancouver Zone Council of the Canadian Legion, together with a memorandum covering a rehabilitation plan for fishermen, drawn up by that body, wherein they urge that the Government take over 200 gillnet boats, 50 to 100 trollers and the entire shrimp fleet, providing enough money to buy the boats and nets and then set up a Fishing Rehabilitation Board to operate them as a means of rehabilitation.

I am submitting this to you since it comes from Vancouver and would respectfully suggest that the attention of the Council be drawn to the fact that the Government has recently appointed a Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Sidney A. Smith, to expedite the disposal of this fleet.

It would seem that since the owners are, for the most part, Canadian citizens they would be permitted to sell, transfer or lease their boats subject to approval and that if the fleet is not disposed of in this manner, then the Committee could, presumably, give consideration to other methods of disposal.

We have no legislative authority to advance money for the purchase of boats. However, it would appear to the writer that this resolution should first be referred to the Committee appointed to expedite disposal of the fleet.

If you reply to the Council, I should appreciate a copy of your letter. If you wish me to reply, may I ask if you concur in my doing so along the foregoing lines?

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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THE CANADIAN LIGION OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE SERVICE LEAGUE.

VANCOUVER ZONE COUNCIL.

Vancouver, B.C. March 5th, 1942.

Walter Woods, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Rehabilitation Division
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Woods:

We enclose herewith a memorandum covering a rehabilitation plan for ex-service men advanced by the Canadian Legion through a special committee appointed by the Mainland Executive of the Legion and the Vancouver Zone Council.

The fishing industry needs experienced fishermen and there are many veteran fishermen among those who served in 1914-1918 who are anxious to take up this work again, having been forced out of the field in former years.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. J. McGillivray.

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MEMORANDUM

REHABILITATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L.

A committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of the Japanese fishing fleet (now immobilized by Order in Council, No. 288) as a means of rehabilitation for an ever increasing number of ex-service men, present the following memorandum for consideration by the Department of Pensions and Public Health, Rehabilitation Division.

As early as January, 1940, plans were being suggested as to methods of rehabilitation of the ex-service men of this war. These plans were presented to and discussed by members of the Canadian Legion in all their official and non-official meetings. As far as we are aware, no decisions were reached as to what plans were the most workable and promising.

War news and other war problems crowded rehabilitation off the program. Then came Dunkirk--the valiant rescue work done by masters and men of the fishing fleet of Great Britain, when every available boat--whatever its classification, was called on to help in the evacuation of our troops will remain forever one of the brightest pages in the history of this war.

In December, 1941, came the declaration of war on Japan. It was no time before we found that the Japanese fishing fleet off the coast of British Columbia was mastered and manned by fully qualified Japanese Naval Officers--men who had been familiarizing themselves with every inch of our coast line. They were recognized at once as a great potential danger--one that had to be eliminated to insure a measure of protection to the citizens of

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British Columbia and of Canada as a whole.

On January 13th, 1942, an Order in Council (P.C.288) was approved by His Excellency the Governor General presenting the necessity of immobilizing the fishing vessels owned by people of Japanese origin and operated in British Columbia waters; in this document the following paragraph is contained:

"That a conference has been held between the Standing Committee on Orientals in British Columbia and the interested government departments, at which it was considered that the war needs of Great Britain and the Allies make it imperative that the production of the British Columbian fishing industry be maintained and increased and that, therefore, a way should be found of putting these vessels back into production in hands other than those of Japanese origin, and otherwise consistent with the needs of national defence and security, as well as with due regard to the equity of the Japanese Canadian owners."

In the words of the aforementioned P.C.288, "a way should be found of putting these vessels back into production in hands other than those of Japanese origin" and we add: or in hands of enemy aliens or those of enemy alien racial origin.

At a meeting of the Mainland Executive of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., held on February 9th, 1942 a committee was named to study the question of the Japanese Fishing fleet as a means of rehabilitation for ex-service men of the Great War (1914-1918) and of those newly discharged from the present war. The Chairman of said Committee to be A. McGillivray--a veteran fisherman thoroughly conversant with the industry both here and in British waters. Mr. McGillivray named his committee and we set to work.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vancouver Zone Council, held on February 20th, 1942, this investigating committee was endorsed by that body and the Chairman of the Zone Council was added to the Committee. On

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Saturday, February 21st, 1942, we presented a questionnaire regarding points of interest to ex-service men anxious to be rehabilitated, to Commander B. L. Johnson, D.S.O., R.C.N.R., who was very enthusiastic in his reception of the proposed plan, offering his full cooperation to make it a success.

Through Commander Johnson we received copies of P.C.288 and P.C.967 to which we have referred in this memorandum. Having studied these documents we are more than ever assured that the Canadian Legion is on the right track. We feel that no better way could be found of "putting these vessels back into production" than to use them as a means of rehabilitation of ex-service men versed in the industry of fishing. The confiscation of the Japanese fishing fleet gives the Dominion Government an opportunity to establish veterans in a field which is open for the first time and which is at the same time one of Canada's foremost industries.... fishing.

The fishing industry, like all other Canadian industries, is confronted with an ever-increasing demand for greater production- more and more fish are needed for our war effort. British Columbia fisheries have met all the demands made upon them so far. The present commitments to Great Britain are straining the industry's resources to the limit, however, and it is doubtful that the British order for 1,600,000 cases of herring can be fulfilled before the end of the season.

The market is open for every kind of fish that swims. Our war effort calls for Canada's fish. The problem of meeting such enormously increased production demands, with a manpower reduced by enlistments in the services, the sudden withdrawal of several thousand Japanese fishermen along

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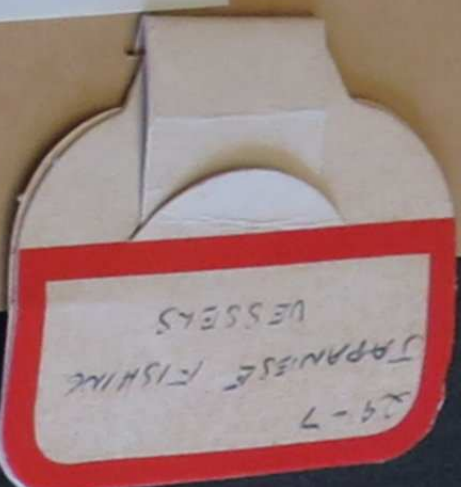
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with their boats and gear, calls for a plan which will embrace the following points to insure success:

1. Experienced fishermen;
2. Boats and gear to carry on the industry to the best interests of all;
3. The fulfillment of present and future commitments to Great Britain and our Allies;
4. Increased production.

The Canadian Legion presents the following plan: Veteran fishermen, ex-service men of the Great War to be a nucleus (numbering approximately 300) to be used as instructors in fishing--their work to be the training of the new ex-service men in the fishing industry. These veteran fishermen to be vouched for by experts in the industry, eliminating the danger of inefficiency in the teaching staff and for the insurance of the success of the rehabilitation plan, which is:

1. That the Government allocate a sufficient sum of money to buy impounded boats and nets;
2. That a Board be set up to buy boats and nets and to allocate same to bona fide ex-service fishermen under terms of sale that would protect the Government investment and also the fishermen;
3. That this Board be called "The Fishing Industry Rehabilitation Board." That this Board be empowered to choose the type of men that, in their opinion, would be most likely to succeed;
4. That the Board make an order that every experienced fisherman under its jurisdiction be compelled, whenever asked, to such training to be defined by the Board and that the experienced fisherman be required to make a full report to the Board of the probable success or otherwise of the recruit;
5. To eliminate the possibility of personal grievances on the receipt of a negative report, the candidate be turned over to another teacher. Period of one week each would be sufficient;



Memorandum (5)

6. That the fisherman who instructs recruits be granted instructor's allowance which would cover the additional living costs and the student be put under the Youth Training Plan;
 7. Upon satisfactory report of evidence that the recruit proved to be capable, he could be given a boat and equipment and continue on a full-fledged fisherman;
 8. The Board would have inspectors who would immediately check up and with power to act in cases of laxity or loss of initiative, as any scheme of this sort can only be carried out successfully by studious, hard and continuous work;
 9. That Boats and Equipment sold to ex-Service men under the plan be:
 - a. sold with the main idea of putting a vital industry back in the hands of loyal British subjects;
 - b. Initial payment be made as easy as possible and the fisherman's financial position be duly considered;
 - c. That the loan be non-interest bearing, as the failure of the last land settlement scheme leads us to believe that the large interest accumulation disheartened the men during a very trying period of non-productiveness.
- This plan contains the germ of putting the fishing fleet into the hands of Canadians for all time, stresses the point that all new ex-service men must make the grade as fishermen to be allowed to stay in the industry.
- It is suggested that the Government take over at least:
- 200 gillnet boats
 - 50 to 100 trollers
 - entire shrimp fleet (12)
- and the necessary gear for all these boats for all-the-year round fishing.
- This as a start and if the plan is found successful, the whole project could be expended, providing the boats are still available.

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Memorandum (5)

They are available now--they may not be so again.

The above Canadian Legion plan for the rehabilitation of ex-service men is a natural solution through a natural resource--one of Canada's greatest industries.

To recapitulate:

1. The fishing industry needs experienced fishermen;
2. The Allies need food, the market needs the "pack";
3. Ex-Service men need rehabilitation;
4. Consumers are calling for fish;
5. The market is open for every kind of fish that swims;
6. Ex-Service men are ready to go to work at once.

Further information and detail will be gladly supplied on request sent to A. McGillivray, Esq., 3236 West 43rd Street, Vancouver, B.C.; Telephone: Dexter 1559 R.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) E. B. Hardisty,
A. McGillivray, Chairman
E. B. Hardisty
T. Harnett
A. McDonald
Mr. Craig.

Copies of this memorandum are being forwarded to:

Walter Woods, Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health, Rehabilitation Division.

The Minister of Fisheries

Dr. A. H. Heywood, Chairman, Coordinating Council of Vancouver

James McKean, Esq.,

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MEMORANDUM (2)

British Columbia and of Canada as a whole.

On January 13th, 1942, an Order in Council (P.C.288) was approved by His Excellency the Governor General presenting the necessity of immobilizing the fishing vessels owned by people of Japanese origin and operated in British Columbia waters; in this document the following paragraph is contained:

"That a conference has been held between the Standing Committee on Orientals in British Columbia and the interested government departments, at which it was considered that the war needs of Great Britain and the Allies make it imperative that the production of the British Columbian fishing industry be maintained and increased and that, therefore, a way should be found of putting these vessels back into production in hands other than those of Japanese origin, and otherwise consistent with the needs of national defence and security, as well as with due regard to the equity of the Japanese Canadian owners."

In the words of the aforementioned P.C.288, "a way should be found of putting these vessels back into production in hands other than those of Japanese origin" and we add: or in hands of enemy aliens or those of enemy alien racial origin.

At a meeting of the Mainland Executive of the Canadian Legion, B.C.S.L., held on February 9th, 1942 a committee was named to study the question of the Japanese fishing fleet as a means of rehabilitation for ex-service men of the Great War (1914-1918) and of those newly discharged from the present war. The Chairman of said Committee to be A. McGillivray--a veteran fisherman thoroughly conversant with the industry both here and in British waters. Mr. McGillivray named his committee and we set to work.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vancouver Zone Council, held on February 20th, 1942, this investigating committee was endorsed by that body and the Chairman of the Zone Council was added to the Committee. On

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Saturday, February 21st, 1943. We presented a questionnaire regarding points of interest to ex-service men anxious to be rehabilitated, to Commander B. L. Johnson, D.S.O., R.C.N.R., who was very enthusiastic in his reception of the proposed plan, offering his full cooperation to make it a success.

Through Commander Johnson we received copies of P.C.288 and P.C.987 to which we have referred in this memorandum. Having studied these documents we are more than ever assured that the Canadian Legion is on the right track. We feel that no better way could be found of "putting these vessels back into production" than to use them as a means of rehabilitation of ex-service men versed in the industry of fishing. The confiscation of the Japanese fishing fleet gives the Dominion Government an opportunity to establish veterans in a field which is open for the first time and which is at the same time one of Canada's foremost industries.... fishing.

The fishing industry, like all other Canadian industries, is confronted with an ever-increasing demand for greater production- more and more fish are needed for our war effort. British Columbia fisheries have met all the demands made upon them so far. The present commitments to Great Britain are straining the industry's resources to the limit, however, and it is doubtful that the British order for 1,600,000 cases of herring can be fulfilled before the end of the season.

The market is open for every kind of fish that swims. Our war effort calls for Canada's fish. The problem of meeting such enormously increased production demands, with a manpower reduced by enlistments in the services, the sudden withdrawal of several thousand Japanese fishermen along

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with their boats and gear, calls for a plan which will embrace the following points to insure success:

1. Experienced fishermen;
2. Boats and gear to carry on the industry to the best interests of all;
3. The fulfillment of present and future commitments to Great Britain and our Allies;
4. Increased production.

The Canadian Legion presents the following plan: Veteran fishermen, ex-service men of the Great War to be a nucleus (numbering approximately 300) to be used as instructors in fishing--their work to be the training of the new ex-service men in the fishing industry. These veteran fishermen to be vouched for by experts in the industry, eliminating the danger of inefficiency in the teaching staff and for the insurance of the success of the rehabilitation plan, which is:

1. That the Government allocate a sufficient sum of money to buy impounded boats and nets;
2. That a Board be set up to buy boats and nets and to allocate same to bona fide ex-service fishermen under terms of sale that would protect the Government investment and also the fishermen;
3. That this Board be called "The Fishing Industry Rehabilitation Board." That this Board be empowered to choose the type of men that, in their opinion, would be most likely to succeed;
4. That the Board make an order that every experienced fisherman under its jurisdiction be compelled, whenever asked, to such training to be defined by the Board and that the experienced fisherman be required to make a full report to the Board of the probable success or otherwise of the recruit;
5. To eliminate the possibility of personal grievances on the receipt of a negative report, the candidate be turned over to another teacher. Period of one week each would be sufficient;

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6. That the fisherman who instructs recruits be granted instructor's allowance which would cover the additional living costs and the student be put under the Youth Training Plan;

7. Upon satisfactory report of evidence that the recruit proved to be capable, he could be given a boat and equipment and continue on a full-fledged fisherman;

8. The Board would have inspectors who would immediately check up and with power to act in cases of laxity or loss of initiative, as any scheme of this sort can only be carried out successfully by studious, hard and continuous work;

9. That boats and equipment sold to ex-Service men under the plan be:

- a. sold with the main idea of putting a vital industry back in the hands of loyal British subjects;
- b. initial payment be made as easy as possible and the fisherman's financial position be duly considered;
- c. That the loan be non-interest bearing, as the failure of the last land settlement scheme leads us to believe that the large interest accumulation disheartened the men during a very trying period of non-productiveness.

This plan contains the germ of putting the fishing fleet into the hands of Canadians for all time, stresses the point that all new ex-service men must make the grade as fishermen to be allowed to stay in the industry.

It is suggested that the Government take over at least:

- 200 Gillnet boats
- 50 to 100 trollers
- entire shrimp fleet (12)

and the necessary gear for all these boats for all-the-year round fishing.

This is a start and if the plan is found successful, the whole project could be expended, providing the boats are still available.

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They are available now--they may not be so again.

The above Canadian Legion plan for the rehabilitation of ex-service men is a natural solution through a natural resource--one of Canada's greatest industries.

To recapitulate:

1. the fishing industry needs experienced fishermen;
2. the Allies need food, the market needs the "pack";
3. Ex-Service men need rehabilitation;
4. Consumers are calling for fish;
5. the market is open for every kind of fish that swims;
6. Ex-Service men are ready to go to work at once.

Further information and detail will be gladly supplied on request sent to A. McCallivray, Esq., 3236 West 45th Street, Vancouver, B.C.,
Telephone: Dexter 1559 R.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) M. B. Hardisty,
A. McCallivray, Chairman
M. B. Hardisty
R. Barnett
A. McDonald
Mr. Craig.

Copies of this memorandum are being forwarded to:

Walter Woods, Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health, Rehabilitation Division.

The Minister of Fisheries

Mr. A. H. Heywood, Chairman, Coordinating Council of Vancouver
James McKinnon, Esq.,

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PRIVATE

March 10, 1942.

Dear Ann, -

Thanks for your letter of February
26th.

This has been brought to the attention
of the Navy Department but, in view of the fact
that the Japs are now being moved, it is unlikely
that any further vessels will be assigned to
Japanese shipyards.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

PS

Mrs. Ann Thompson,
445 Granville St.,
Vancouver,
B.C.

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PRIVATE

Ottawa, March 10, 1942.

My dear Colleague,-

I have received representations to the effect that some of the Japanese Fishing Vessels seized by the Navy have been given to Japanese Shipyards to be repaired; in particular, the following boats are mentioned:

Misao 1; Louise; and Holly L.

I enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed to the Navy Control Service by the Stanley Park Shipyards Ltd., and signed by "G. Kodama," the Japanese proprietor.

These incidents have been a matter of considerable comment, and I sincerely hope that it will be found possible to utilize other than Japanese plants for the repairs to these vessels.

Yours faithfully,

The Hon. A. L. Macdonald,
Minister of National Defence
for Naval Services,
Ottawa, Ontario.

VANCOUVER LIBERAL COUNCIL
445 GRANVILLE STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

February 26th, 1942.

VIA AIR MAIL

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. C. Norman Senior,
Private Secretary,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Norman:-

I have been asked to take up with you a matter with regard to the Japanese Boats which were taken over by the Government. You will recall that when I was in Ottawa we discussed the matter of some of them having been damaged. It has been brought to my attention that the repairs on three of these boats were done by the Stanley Park Shipyards, (a Japanese concern). The names of the boats are:- Nisso 1, Louise, and Holly L.

Regarding the Holly L, I understand that it was tied up at this Shipyards at the time of the seizure order and was taken away from there by the Navy. Then on December 18th, as per copy of letter enclosed which has been given to me in confidence with permission to send same along to you, the Japanese who owned this boat wrote to the Naval Control Service asking that the repair work on his boat be given to this Japanese concern, (The Stanley Park Shipyards) and the Naval Control released the boat and it was taken down there and the repair work done by this Jap shipyard.

I was not able to find out who was responsible for the other two boats being sent there but the fact remains that they were repaired by a shipyard operated by Japanese after they had been seized by order of the Government.

I am not writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Thompson or in any personal way, so I don't want to be misunderstood. He does not know anything about it. The information was brought to me by a very reliable party and I was asked to report same to you. This man could not understand why the work was done in a Jap shipyard and by Japs when the boats had been seized from them in the first place.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Thompson

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COPY

December 18th, 1941.

The Navy Control Service,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:--

Re: D/V "HOLLY I"

Repair work on the above Vessel, which includes the replacing of oil tank, shaft, broken propeller, and other minor repairs has been under way at the Stanley Park Shipyards Limited, Vancouver, B. C. when she was taken under your order.

I therefore, ask you to give this case your special consideration and permit the Stanley Park Shipyards, Limited, to take the Vessel under trust until the necessary repairs are completed.

Hoping to receive your favorable consideration, we are,

Yours truly,

IO/MT

cc Stanley Park Shipyards Ltd.
Bell-Irving Ins. Agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

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March 14, 1942.

A. McGillivray, Esq.,
Chairman,
Vancouver Zone Council,
The Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L.,
119 West Pender Street,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Mr. McGillivray,-

On receipt of your letter of March 5th, enclosing a memorandum on a plan to rehabilitate ex-service men in the fishing industry, I referred this matter to the Honorable Mr. Mackenzie, who brought it to the attention of the Minister of Fisheries.

At the present time this Department has no authority to advance money to purchase fishing boats and gear.

I should like to suggest, in the first instance, that your Council approach the Chairman of the Committee which has been appointed to expedite the disposal of the Japanese Fishing Fleet, Mr. Justice Sidney A. Smith. If that Committee feels that the proposal you have advanced is practicable, no doubt their recommendation will be made to the Government accordingly.

First, it must be ascertained if the Fleet is available for the purpose which your Council advocates, and I suggest that an approach be made to Mr. Justice Smith, in the first instance, to determine this point.

Yours very truly,

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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COPY FOR INFORMATION OF.....The Hon. the Minister.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

March 12, 1942.



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P. H. C.
My dear Colleague:

I have your letter of the 10th instant, and note that Mr. E. S. Woodward of the Fisheries Institute of British Columbia insists that the truth of the statement made by Mr. Tom Reid, M.P., regarding one of the large Fisheries of British Columbia against the exclusion of the Japanese from fishing in Pacific Coastal waters be denied.

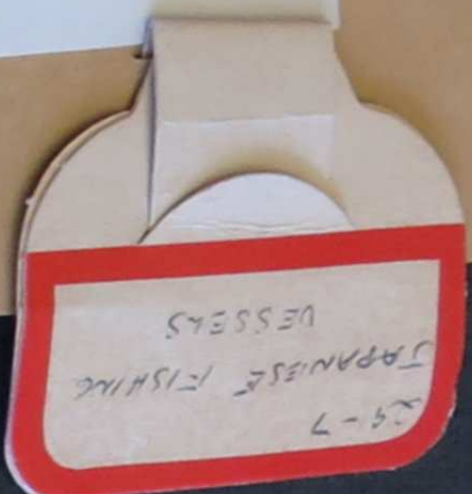
I cannot do any better than repeat what I have already stated on many occasions, that no representations were made to myself nor to the Department of Fisheries, and I have said so to Mr. Reid himself.

Yours very truly,

J. S. Richardson

Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K.C., P.C.
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

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Ottawa, March 10, 1942.

Dear Tom,-

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Mr. E. S. Woodward, who has written and wired on behalf of the Fisheries Institute of British Columbia, asking me to make a public denial on the floor of the House of the truth of your statement regarding Japanese fishing boats and licenses.

You will observe that my failure to comply has disappointed him. I have today assured him, however, that I would be very glad to comply with his latest request, and that is to suggest to you and the Minister of Fisheries that you get together and discuss the matter.

Yours very truly,

Thomas Reid, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, March 10, 1942.

My dear Colleague,-

Mr. E. S. Woodward of the Fisheries Institute of British Columbia has been rather insistent that I should undertake to deny the truth of the statement made by Mr. Tom Reid about representations being made on behalf of one of the large Fisheries against the exclusion of the Japanese from fishing in Pacific Coastal waters.

I have explained that this is outside my province, but I was able today to assure Mr. Woodward that I would be very glad to comply with his latest request, which is that I ask Mr. Tom Reid and yourself to consult, with a view to establishing the truth or falsity of the charge.

I have written similarly to Mr. Reid today.

Yours faithfully,

The Hon. J. E. Michaud,
Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, March 10, 1942

Dear Mr. Woodward,-

This acknowledges your letter of
March 3d.

I shall be very glad to ask Mr.
Reid and the Minister of Fisheries to get
together on the subject of Mr. Reid's assertion
and the statement published by the Minister of
Fisheries.

Yours very truly,

E. S. Woodward, Esq.,
(106)-325 Howe St.,
Vancouver,
B.C.



106 - 325 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
March 3, 1942.

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H. H. C.

CONFIDENTIAL AND UNOFFICIAL.

Hon. Ian Mackenzie,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

While I much appreciate the courtesy of your reply to my letter of February 18th, I am still unable to understand the nature of the obstacles which prevent you from requesting the responsible Minister to discharge a duty which he owes to an industry located in your constituency. You seem to be quite satisfied to have "passed the buck".

In my view it is to be regretted that you are not using your good offices to bring Mr. Tom Reid and the Minister of Fisheries into consultation with a view to establishing the truth or falsity of the charge. If the charge is true, it should be pressed further. If it is false, it should be withdrawn. And I respectfully submit that you, as constituency representative, should use all diligence in carrying the matter to a conclusion.

Yours very truly,

E. M. McDonald

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Ottawa, March 9, 1942.

Dear Sir,-

Please accept my thanks for your letter of the 6th instant in which you forwarded Weekly Report No. 6, briefly covering the activities of the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

Yours very truly,

A.E. McMaster, Esquire,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
1528 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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TELEPHONE PACIFIC 9331

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH
CHIEF JUSTICE
COMMISSIONER B. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., M.C.M.R.
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A. E. McMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

1528 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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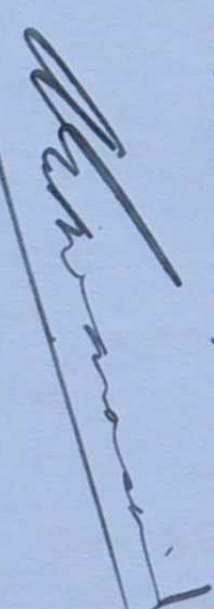
AIR MAIL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

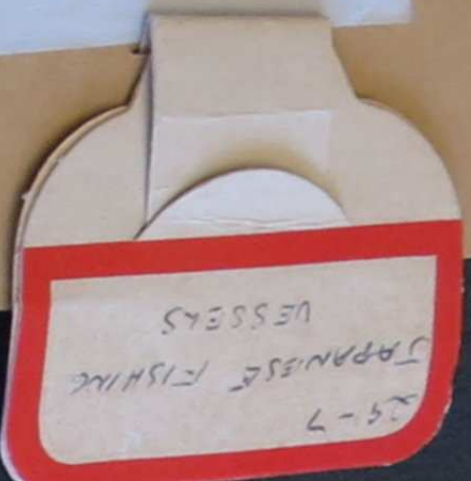
Weekly Report No.6 of March 6th, 1942,
briefly covering the activities of this Committee,
is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIESNo. 6 - March 6, 1942

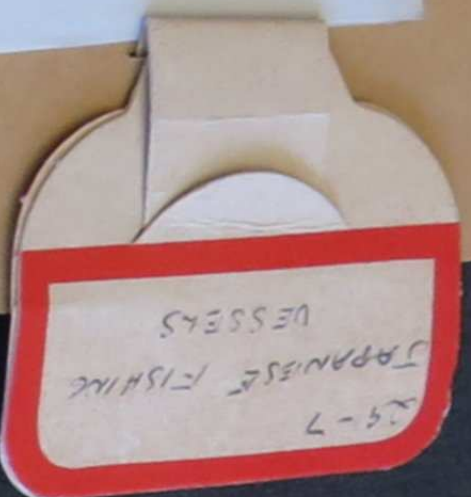
There were twenty-one vessels sold during the week under review, and in addition, 38 vessels were released to registered owners, after our office had verified ship registers and licences. In all, 165 vessels have been released to date, or about 16 per cent of the vessels now recorded with the Committee.

The fleet is now well moored, and all damaged vessels either repaired or in hand. Hourly ferry service is operating, and interested purchasers, not exceeding 80 in number, can be shown around the fleet each day. The following comparisons of passes issued and the number of persons inspecting boats indicate the increase in inspections:

| | <u>No. Passes</u> | <u>No. People</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Up to and including Feb. 12 | 20 | 43 |
| Week ending Feb. 19 | 21 | 52 |
| " " Feb. 26 | 92 | 165 |
| " " Mar. 5 | 122 | 258 |

These increased inspections have not yet reflected themselves in actual sales, but they should do so within the next few weeks.

Purchases by the larger fishing companies have been somewhat disappointing as yet. This is claimed to be due to differences in ideas of values; and in order to correct the situation your Committee is urging the parties to utilize the arbitration machinery available. It is the opinion of your Committee that settlement of a few of these cases would accomplish an acceleration of sales.



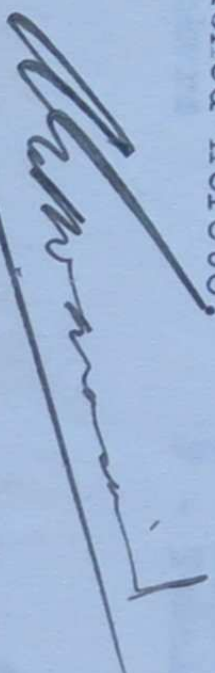
The Custodian of Alien Enemy Property advertised the vessels he had for sale, asking for tenders from those interested. This, we feel, has been a factor in slowing up General sales. These tenders will be open and considered within a few days.

Mr. Neil McLean, Fisheries Administrator, Wartime Price & Trade Board, called at the Committee's offices during the week, and the position of the Japanese fishing vessels was fully outlined to him.

In anticipation of acceleration on the removal of the Japanese from the protected coastal areas to interior points as soon as the B.C. Security Commission is fully functioning, your Committee, on the recommendation of Mr. Kimura, has appointed one reliable Japanese in each of the three fishing districts to act on behalf of Japanese fishing vessel owners in respect to the disposal of their vessels.

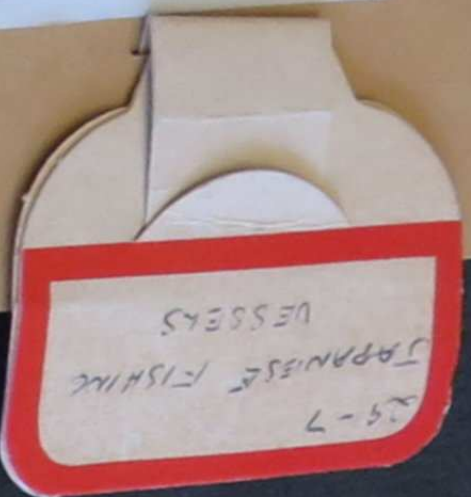
An appropriate form of Power of Attorney has been prepared and supplied to these men, so that they may have them executed by owners before they leave for interior points; and arrangement has been made with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to defer the removal of these three appointees until their work with the Committee is completed.

A statement showing the position of the vessels and values thereof, is attached hereto.



A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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WEEKLY REPORT
JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Week ended March 5th 1942

| Vessel Types | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|--|----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
| 1. Vessels Registered - Total to Date | 60 | 120 | 633 | 139 | 85 | 1037 |
| 2. Requisitioned by Services - " " " " " " | 11 | 1 | - | 13 | 2 | 27 |
| 5. Released to Owners - This Week | - | 1 | 34 | 1 | 2 | 38 |
| Previously | - | - | 22 | 1 | 14 | 37 |
| Total to Date | - | 1 | 56 | 2 | 16 | 75 |
| 4. Completed Sales - This Week | 2 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 21 |
| Previously | 9 | 3 | 24 | 5 | 1 | 42 |
| Total to Date | 11 | 5 | 31 | 12 | 4 | 63 |
| 5. Total Vessels Released to Date | 22 | 7 | 87 | 27 | 22 | 165 |

6. Value of Sales to Date \$ 163,145.85

7. Cash Payment on Sales to Date \$ 106,025.49

8. Amount Paid to Vendors " \$ 79,927.22

9. Amount Earned by Commission @ 1% \$ 1,631.46

10. Vessels Surveyed - This Week 15
Total to Date 74

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers

C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers

E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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Ottawa, 9th March, 1942

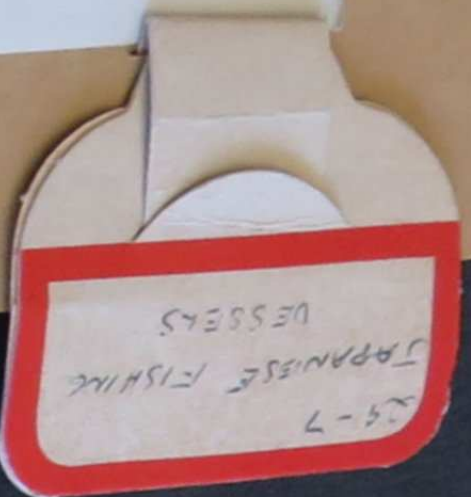
My dear colleague,-

I enclose herewith copy of a telegram received from Mr. T. W. Harnett, Chairman of the Vancouver Zone Council of the Canadian Legion and a member of the Advisory Committee to the British Columbia Security Commission, recently appointed to administer the Japanese problem.

I should appreciate your looking into the situation described by Mr. Harnett in order that appropriate representations may be made to the committee engaged in selling the Japanese fishing boats.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable J. E. Michaud, M.P.,
Minister of Fisheries,
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Veuillez expédier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes

Ottawa, 9th March, 1 942

T. M. Harnett, Esq.,
Chairman, Vancouver Zone Council,
The Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L.,
119 West Pender St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Retel Am taking up with Minister of Fisheries immediately
(Stop) Suggest interests affected should discuss with Commander Johnson
and Inspector Motherwell (Stop) Regards

Ian Mackenzie

Charge - Minister's Office,
Dept. Pensions & National Health.

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D/F

Ottawa, March 2, 1942.

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I have your air mail letter of the 28th ultimo, in which you enclose Weekly Report No. 5 of February 27, 1942, briefly covering the activities of your Committee.

I appreciate your courtesy in forwarding this to me.

Yours very truly,

A.E. McMaster, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
1528 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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TELEPHONE PACIFIC 9331

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

1928 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 28, 1942.

Committee:
THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH
CHAIRMAN
COMMANDER B. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., R.C.N.R.
KISHIZO KIMURA
A. E. MCMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



AIRMAIL

A. E. McMaster

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.5 of February 27th,
1942, briefly covering the activities of this
Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster
A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
Encl.1.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE



REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIESNo. 5 - February 27th, 1942.

Salvage and mooring of vessels is now practically completed; all damaged vessels are in shipyard hands; and ferry service for prospective purchasers from New Westminster to the mooring area has been organized, which has resulted in acceleration of sales negotiations.

22 vessels were sold during the current week, and in addition, 6 vessels were released to owners after ship registers and licenses were verified by the Committee's office.

Additional descriptive data on impounded vessels have been filed this week, and the totals of all vessels coming within the jurisdiction of your Committee are as follows:

| | | |
|---------------|---|------|
| Seine boats | - | 60 |
| Trollers | - | 120 |
| Gill-Netters | - | 633 |
| Packers | - | 139 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 85 |
| Total | - | 1037 |

A statement showing the status of sales and other data is attached hereto.

In last week's letter reference was made to the effect that the Committee was prepared to assume the responsibility for the control over all fishing vessels when the salvage operations were completed, damaged vessels in shipyard hands, and the remain-

der of the fleet moored in a satisfactory manner.

The object of this recommendation was primarily to relieve the Naval personnel for more important duties, but also to effect considerable economy in bringing the entire jurisdiction of these vessels under one authority.

The matter was further discussed with Commodore Beech by Commander Johnson this week, and it was decided that Naval Service would continue their present jurisdiction, and at the proper time dilute Naval ratings with civilian personnel under the jurisdiction of Naval officers.

A. E. McMaster
A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended - February 26th, 1942.

Vessel Types - A B C D E F

1. Vessels Registered - Total to Date

| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|---|
| 20 | 120 | 633 | 139 | 85 | 1037 | |

2. Requisitioned by Services - " " "

| | | | | | | |
|----|---|---|----|---|----|--|
| 11 | 1 | - | 13 | 2 | 27 | |
|----|---|---|----|---|----|--|

3. Released to Owners - This Week

| | <u>Previously</u> | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | |

| | <u>Total to Date</u> | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---|----|----|--|--|
| | 18 | - | 13 | 31 | | |

4. Completed Sales - This Week

| | <u>Previously</u> | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|----|---|---|----|--|
| | 2 | 19 | 1 | - | 22 | |

| | <u>Total to Date</u> | | | | | |
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| 9 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 20 | |

5. Total Vessels Released to Date

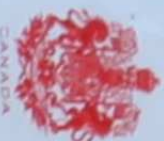
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| 9 | 3 | 24 | 5 | 1 | 42 | |
| 20 | 4 | 46 | 19 | 17 | 106 | |

6. Value of Sales to Date \$121,810.857. Cash payment on Sales to Date 70,251.478. Amount paid to Vendors to Date 45,254.009. Amount earned by Commission @ 1% 1,218.1110. Sales awaiting Settlement of Claims before Completion. - 3SymbolsA - Seiners
B - TrollersC - Gill-Netters
D - PackersE - Miscellaneous
F - Total


DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

February 26, 1942.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER



My dear Colleague:

I have your letter of the 25th instant enclosing a copy of a telegram directed to you by Mr. F. M. Ross, and wish to inform you that I wired Mr. Ross yesterday as per copy of telegram attached.

Yours very truly,

J. L. Wickham

Enclosure

Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K.C., P.C.
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

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OTTAWA FEBRUARY 25 1942

F M ROSS
VANCOUVER HOTEL
VANCOUVER B C

RETEL YESTERDAY MATTER OF REPLACING FISHING BOATS REQUISITIONED
BY NAVY AND AIR FORCE RECEIVING MY ATTENTION AND SEEMS
PROGRESSING STOP WILL YOU ASCERTAIN FROM COMPANIES SIGNING THE
TELEGRAM JANUARY THIRTIETH HOW MANY EACH WOULD BUY OR FINANCE

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MINISTER OF FISHERIES

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Ottawa, 25th February, 1942

Frank M. Ross, Esq.,
Hotel Vancouver,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Retel Fisheries Am taking up with Mr. Michaud
immediately

Ian Mackenzie

Charge - Minister's Office,
Dept. Pensions & National Health.

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Ottawa, 25th February, 1942

My dear Colleague,-

I enclose herewith copy of a
telegram received from Frank Ross at Vancouver.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable J. E. Michaud, M.P.,
Minister of Fisheries,
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MINISTER OF FISHERIES ALL WRONG ABOUT HIS INFORMATION RE PACIFIC COAST HAVE SENT HIM FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TODAY STOP THINK YOU REALLY SHOULD FOLLOW THIS UP ACTIVELY QUOTE WOULD REFER YOU TO TELEGRAM OF THIRTIETH JANUARY ADDRESSED TO YOU AND SIGNED BY FISHERIES INSTITUTE REPRESENTING THE SIX LEADING COMPANIES INCLUDING BC PACKERS REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF BOATS REQUISITIONED BY NAVY AND ROYAL AIR FORCE STOP SITUATION TODAY PRECISELY THE SAME EXCEPT THAT ELEVEN ADDITIONAL BOATS HAVE BEEN TAKEN MAKING SITUATION MORE ACUTE STOP AM AFRAID YOU WERE MISINFORMED REGARDING THE LARGER TYPE OF BOAT STOP IS QUITE POSSIBLE THERE ARE SMALL GILL NET BOATS AVAILABLE BUT THEY CANNOT DO THE WORK OF THE BOATS THAT HAVE BEEN REQUISITIONED STOP WOULD YOU LOOK INTO THE SITUATION AGAIN AS IT IS QUITE URGENT THAT REPLACEMENTS BE MADE BEFORE FISHING SEASON OPENS STOP AM PERSONALLY CONVINCED OF NEED OF ACTION IN THE MATTER REGARDS UNQUOTE

FRANK M ROSS.

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*Sent 2/27/42
to Mr. J. S. Macdonald
from*

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CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAM

VANCOUVER, B.C.,
February 24, 1942

Hon. Ian Mackenzie,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Minister of Fisheries all wrong about his information re Pacific Coast. Have sent him following telegram today. Think you really should follow this up actively.

"Would refer you to telegram of 30th January addressed to you and signed by Fisheries Institute representing the six leading companies including B.C. Packers regarding replacement of boats requisitioned by Navy and Royal Air Force. Situation today precisely the same except that eleven additional boats have been taken making situation more acute. Am afraid you were misinformed regarding the larger type of boat. Is quite possible but they cannot do the work of the boats that have been requisitioned. Would you look into the situation again as it is quite urgent that replacements be made before fishing season opens. Am personally convinced of need of action in the matter. Regards."

(Signed) Frank M. Ross.

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Ottawa, 23rd February, 1942

Dear Sir,-

Thank you for your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing Weekly Report No. 4, covering the activities of your Committee.

Yours very sincerely,

A. E. McMaster, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
1528 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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TELEPHONE PACIFIC 9331

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee:
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH
CHAIRMAN
COMMANDER B. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., R.C.N.A.
KISHIZO KIMURA
A. E. McMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



1528 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 20, 1942.

The Honourable Ian Mackenzie, M.A., L.L.B., K.C.,
Minister of Pension and National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir:

The Weekly Report No.4 of February
20th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of
this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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Vancouver, B. C.,
Feb. 17, 1942.

Personal

The Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K. C.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Ian:

Re. Committee for Disposal of
Japanese Fishing Vessels.

This Committee has been reporting weekly to the Minister of Fisheries. It occurs to me that you should have copies of all these reports, and I am having them air-mailed to you today, and shall see that you obtain future copies. These will keep you in touch with the work of this Committee.

Yours very truly,

James Smith

B. L. Johnson (2)
A. E. McPherson (4)
James Smith (1)
Mackenzie (3)
J. C. McPherson (5)

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Ottawa, February 19, 1942.

Re: Committee for Disposal of
Japanese Fishing Vessels.

Dear Sidney:

I have your letter of the 17th
instant, for which I thank you.

One copy of the report has already
reached me and I shall look forward to receiving
future copies.

I appreciate your courtesy in
forwarding these to me.

Yours very truly,

The Honourable Sidney Smith,
Law Courts,
Vancouver, B.C.

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REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 4 - February 20th, 1942.

The actual sales of vessels during this week were still greatly retarded owing to the necessary restrictions in permitting inspections. However, on the 18th instant the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast inspected the impounded fishing fleet. He was accompanied by the Commanding Officer Auxiliary Vessels, and, after discussion with the Committee, various minor matters in regard to co-operation of Naval Service and this Committee were satisfactorily adjusted. Additional facilities were promised to speed up inspections by prospective purchasers.

The full Committee met representatives of the Fisheries Institute of British Columbia on Monday the 16th instant. The Institute represents over 90 per cent of the fishing industry. The companies concerned, are not particularly interested in the purchase of the impounded vessels, as such, but are very concerned with their employment in securing product for their plants. A large number of these vessels have been employed in securing fish for the companies, and in many cases, cash advances to the boat operators have been made. Some of these advances are secured by mortgage on the vessel, some by chattel mortgage, and others on open account.

The Committee clarified their policies and offered all possible co-operation to the Institute members with the object

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of facilitating the transfer of impounded vessels to qualified fishermen or to the companies themselves. The Committee feels that the inspection facilities now provided will accelerate the transfer of vessels through these sources.

Dr. D.B. Finn, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, met the Committee during his visit to the Coast, and the set up and functions of the Committee's offices were reviewed and discussed. Dr. Finn also attended the full Committee meeting with the Fisheries Institute of British Columbia, referred to above.

At the request of the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast, the Committee has recommended to you that the care and maintenance of the fishing fleet would be transferred to their jurisdiction from that of the Naval Authorities, when all vessels which are known to have suffered damage are under repair and the remainder of the fleet moored in a satisfactory manner. The Committee consider that if this recommendation is accepted, the Naval personnel can be returned to their normal and more important duties, the work of your Committee simplified, and a reduction of total expenditures effected.

The following is a summary of the position of fishing vessels as at February the 19th, 1942:

| | VESSEL TYPES - | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| 1. <u>Vessels Registered to Date.</u> | <u>Total to Date</u> | | | | | |
| 2. <u>Vessels Requisitioned by Navy and R.C.A.F.</u> | | | | | | |
| 3. <u>Vessels Released to Owners</u> | 11 | 1 | - | 13 | 2 | 27 |
| 4. <u>Completed Sales-Vessels Released</u> | - | - | 18 | - | 13 | 31 |
| 5. <u>Vessels Sold but Release held for Settlement of Claims</u> | 9 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 20 |
| 6. <u>Total No. Vessels Released or in Active Process</u> | 1 | - | 8 | - | - | 9 |
| | 21 | 2 | 31 | 17 | 16 | 87 |

SYMBOLS:

A - Selnors
B - Trollers

C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers

E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

A. E. McMaster
A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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Ottawa, 19th February, 1942

Dear Mr. McMaster,-

Many thanks for your letter of February 16th, enclosing copies of the reports made with respect to the committee's activities.

If it is convenient that I continue to receive similar reports, it will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. McMaster, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
1528, Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

1226 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 16, 1942.

Committee:
THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH
CHAIRMAN
COMMANDER B. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., R.C.N.R.
KENZO KIMURA
A. E. McMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

AIR MAIL



Honorable Ian Mackenzie, M.A., L.L.B., K.C.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir:

On instruction by our Chairman,
The Honorable Mr. Justice Sidney Smith, I am
sending herewith copies of the brief report
we are making each week to The Honorable the
Minister of Fisheries in respect to the Com-
mittee's activities. Mr. Justice Smith felt
you also would be interested in getting this
information and, therefore, hereafter a copy
will be mailed to your office.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. McMaster
A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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Encl.

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REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 5 - February 13th, 1942

The Naval Service is working diligently on salvage and re-mooring. It is now determined that 162 boats have been sunk. Practically all have been raised and are in shipyard hands for re-conditioning, or they are being prepared for passage to shipyards.

Sales negotiations are still retarded by the necessity of withholding inspection passes. Naval Services expect to have the mooring well in hand within one week, when inspection passes will be freely issued.

In the meantime, the committee's office is continuing to encourage the initial steps in sales negotiations between Japanese owners and fishermen who desire to buy vessels. A total of only 17 boats have been actually sold up to date. In addition 20 vessels have been released from immobilization after the committee verified that ownership was vested with eligible fishermen. These boats had been impounded by reason of being manned by Japanese crews.

A statement showing the general position of impounded vessels is attached hereto, and will be included in the weekly letter in future.

The committee is working in close collaboration with the Chief Inspector of Fisheries and with the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property, and is receiving satisfactory support from these two sources.

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Active negotiations are being carried out with the larger fishing companies, with a view to accelerating the transfer of title in the large number of fishing vessels in which they have a financial interest, and the outlook appears to be favorable towards considerable progress in this regard as inspection of vessels can be made with greater facility.

We have now received detailed instructions from the Chief Treasury Office of the Department, in so far as the accounting standards and reports required are concerned; and, with a view to bringing records in line with these requirements as rapidly as possible, we are receiving the co-operation of the accounting staff of the Inspector of Fisheries.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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| Hon. Mr. Justice Smith | |
| Cdr B. L. Johnson | |
| K. Kimura | |
| A. E. McMaster | |
| J. A. Martin | |

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WEEKLY REPORT OF STATUS OF VESSELS
February 13th, 1942

| | <u>Number of Vessels</u> | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | <u>Type</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>G</u> |
| <u>1. Registered with the Committee-</u> Total to date: | SR | 12 | 118 | 598 | 111 | 65 | 959 | |
| <u>2. Requisitioned by the Navy and</u> <u>R. C. A. F. - Total to date:</u> | 11 | | 1 | | 13 | 2 | 27 | |
| <u>3. Released to owners - This week:</u> <u>Previously:</u> Total to date: | 2 | | 1 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 20 | |
| <u>4. Released through completed sales-</u> <u>This week:</u> <u>Previously:</u> Total to date: | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 7 | |
| <u>5. Sold, but release suspended</u> <u>for settlement of claims:</u> | 7 | | | 2 | | 1 | 10 | |
| <u>Balance:</u> | 35 | 12 | 118 | 598 | 96 | 51 | 893 | |
| <u>Total vessels as above:</u> | 57 | 12 | 116 | 598 | 111 | 65 | 959 | |

Explanatory notes: Item 3- Vessels impounded on account of being manned by Japanese. Registration approved and vessels released for fishing service.

Type - A - Seiners C - Trollers E - Packers
B - Trawlers D - Gill Netters F - Unclassified
C - All Vessels

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REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES.

No. 2 - February 6th, 1942.

Inquiries from prospective purchasers are numerous, but sales are very few. Negotiations for sale of about 20 vessels are well in hand. Twelve vessels, owned by fishing companies but formerly manned by Japanese crews, were released during the week. A summary of the status of all vessels will be included in these weekly reports when our lists are complete.

Mr. Kimura, with the concurrence of the committee, has directed several responsible Japanese to assist in sales negotiations; this does not involve expense to the committee.

The larger fishing companies are negotiating with owners of vessels which, prior to impounding, were engaged in fishing for these companies. An analysis of the information received would indicate that these fishing companies, either hold a mortgage on these vessels or have substantial claims for cash or equipment advances to the owners.

The Naval Service is retaining care and maintenance parties and are improving the general mooring and storage situation; 400 boats will have safe mooring by the 12th of February. If purchases and movements do not speed up we shall request the Naval Service to provide additional moorings.

Approximately 60 of the submerged boats have been raised and are now in shipyard hands. The remainder of the submerged boats, now estimated at 40, should be raised within one week.

Negotiations are somewhat retarded because general inspections are not encouraged until the mooring situation is well in hand.

The Bank of Montreal, Marine Building Branch, has advised of the deposit of an amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00), being a remittance from your Department. An account has been opened at that bank, and will be used for the dispersing of committee expenses and for deposit and dispersal of the funds involved in sales.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES.

January 30, 1942.

The first meeting of the Committee with all members present, was held in the chambers of the Honourable Mr. Justice Smith on January 22nd, 1942.

Plans were concluded for the immediate organization of the Committee's offices and initial policies of procedure were determined.

Mr. A. E. McMaster of Vancouver was appointed as Executive Assistant to the Commission, and instructed to secure the office accommodation and assemble the necessary staff.

The second meeting of the full Committee was held in the chambers of the Chairman on Saturday, January 24th, and on the same day they proceeded to New Westminster to inspect the general condition of the fishing vessels moored in that area.

The Committee found that approximately 900 boats were moored in an unseamanlike manner in a backwater of the Fraser River formed between the Annacis Wing Dam and Annacis Island. About 65 of these boats were completely submerged. Effective salvage work had not been commenced.

The Committee immediately communicated with Commodore Beech, Commanding Officer of the Pacific Coast, and requested his personal survey of the fleet. This survey was held on January 26, together with the Honourable Mr. Justice Smith, Commander B. L. Johnson and Officers of the Commodore's staff. At the conclusion of the inspection, Commodore Beech issued re-mooring instructions. Salvage and re-mooring has now been undertaken.

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Until this work is completed, your Committee is not permitting individual vessel inspection by those interested in the purchase of vessels or by Japanese owners.

A declaration of policy has been made to the Press as per memorandum attached. Numerous individual boat owners and prospective purchasers have been interviewed with a view to encouraging negotiations for the sale and purchase of vessels.

The Committee has also interviewed the larger fishing companies, who as a group, control over 90% of the fishing industry of British Columbia. It is expected through this source to achieve satisfactory progress within the next few weeks in arranging transfer of title of those vessels in which they have a financial interest. These number approximately 550 which are located in several places along the Coast.

The Commission's suggestion of the 1% disposal charge was made after due consideration of known circumstances and there is nothing further to add to the information contained in our telegram of January 21st reading:--

"Reasons for proposal for one per cent disposal charge are first expenses of commission will materially exceed previous estimates consequent upon damage suffered by vessels since detention thus involving many claims requiring services of outside surveyors. Second, Commissioner Kimura states Japanese owners willing subscribe to this expense. Third, Commission of opinion. Public criticism avoided if cost of disposal were not serious drain on public funds. Members feel that Commission should be in all ways self contained and that therefore should receive and handle all monies concerned".

Until your decision is made on this point the disposal charge of 1% will be made.

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It has been alleged by several of the large fishing companies that a Japanese named Noguchi has endeavored to discourage Japanese fishing vessel owners from selling their boats evidently intimating that a more favorable arrangement would be available later on.

The fishing companies claim that this has already had the effect of breaking off actual negotiations, and the effect generally, if allowed to continue, would seriously interfere with the objects of this Committee.

Effective measures have been taken to correct this situation.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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Ottawa, February 9, 1942.

Dear Mr. Woodward:

You telegraphed me on February 2nd in regard to a statement alleged to have been made by Mr. Tom Reid in the House of Commons.

On February 3rd I replied that the rules of the House would not permit me to raise a question of privilege unless affecting myself or my Department and that it was therefore not possible for me to table your telegram. I did, however, inform you that I would bring your message to the attention of the Minister of Fisheries.

I am now in receipt of his reply and, as this is self-explanatory, I am enclosing copy for your information. You will note that he has no knowledge of any individual or of any company making representations to the effect that fishing licenses should be issued to Japanese during the present year, nor that Japanese fishing boats be operated by the owners.

Yours very truly,

E.S. Woodward, Esq.,
Fisheries Institute of British Columbia,
Vancouver, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

February 6, 1942.

My dear Colleague:

With further reference to your letter of the 3rd instant to which you had appended copy of a telegram received from Mr. E.S. Woodward of the British Columbia Fisheries Institute, I beg to state that I have no knowledge of any individual or of any company making representations to the effect that fishing licenses should be issued to Japanese during the present year, nor that Japanese fishing boats be operated by the owners.

The Government, on my recommendation, adopted the policy of prohibiting persons of Japanese origin from fishing in Canadian territorial waters, and that policy will be fully implemented and carried out as long as I am in office.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) J.E. Michaud

Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K.C., P.C.
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

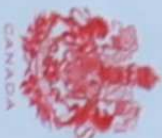
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Yours very truly,

A. S. Woodward

Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K.C., P.C.
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

February 4th, 1942

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Dear Mr. Mackenzie, -

In the Minister's absence,
I am acknowledging your letter of
February 3rd to which you attach
copy of a telegram you received from
the Fisheries Institute of British
Columbia, with a copy of your reply,
regarding a statement made in the
House in connection with the question
of fishery licenses for Japanese.

Your letter will be placed
before the Minister immediately on
his return to the Department.

Yours very truly,

D.B. Finn
DEPUTY MINISTER.

Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
O t t a w a.

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Ottawa, 3rd February, 1942

My dear Colleague,-

I enclose herewith copy of a telegram received from Mr. E. S. Woodward, of the British Columbia Fisheries Institute, together with a copy of my reply.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable J. E. Michaud, M.P.,
Minister of Fisheries,
O t t a w a.

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Ottawa, 3rd February, 1942

E. S. Woodward, Esq.,
Fisheries Institute of B.C.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Retel Regret rules of House would not permit me to
raise question of privilege unless affecting myself or my department
(Stop) Furthermore as matter not in my department am not in position
to speak authoritatively (Stop) Am accordingly forwarding your
message to Minister of Fisheries and furnishing copy to press

Ian Mackenzie

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HON IAN MACKENZIE=

MINISTER OF PENSIONS & NATL HEALTH OTTAWA ONT=

VANCOUVER DAILY PROVINCE TONIGHT CARRIES THE FOLLOWING DISPATCH QUOTE

TOM REID M P CHARGED IN THE COURSE OF AN ADDRESS THIS AFTERNOON THAT "NO SOONER HAD IT BECOME KNOWN THAT THE JAPANESE FISHING FLEET WAS BEING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND THAT NO FISHING LICENSES WOULD BE ISSUED TO THE JAPANESE FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR THAN REPRESENTATIONS=

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WERE MADE BY CERTAIN INTERESTED PARTIES ASKING FOR THE
 RELEASE OF THE BOATS TO THE JAPANESE AGAIN" STOP
 "WHAT INTERESTS?" DEMANDED SOME MEMBERS STOP
 "WELL MY INFORMATION IS THAT ONE OF THEM WAS THE HEAD OF
 THE CANADA FISHING COMPANY AND ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE WARTIME
 SHIPBUILDING LTD" STOP
 H R MACMILLAN HOLDS THE LATTER POSITION STOP UNQUOTE=

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I AM INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST YOU AS SENIOR VANCOUVER REPRESENTATIVE TO READ INTO THE RECORDS THE FOLLOWING LETTER WHICH APPEARS IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF WESTERN FISHERIES TRADE JOURNAL QUOTE

EDITOR WESTERN FISHERIES

DEAR SIR IN VIEW OF PRESS REPORTS THAT CERTAIN FISHERY INTERESTS ARE BRINGING PRESSURE TO SECURE A REISSUE OF FISHING LICENSES TO JAPANESE THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE CONSISTING OF BRITISHCOLUMBIA PACKERS LTD CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY LTD ANGLO BC PACKING COMPANY LTD=

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J H TODD AND SONS LTD NELSON BROS FISHERIES LTD NOOTKA
 BANFIELD COMPANY LTD AND REPRESENTING 93.5 PERCENT OF ALL
 FISH PROCESSED IN THE CANNERIES AND REDUCTION PLANTS OF
 BRITISHCOLUMBIA DESIRE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT THEY HAVE
 NOT MADE ANY REPRESENTATIONS TO ANYONE IN FAVOR OF REISSUING
 FISH LICENSES TO JAPANESE AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY COOPERATED
 WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN ALL STEPS DEEMED BY THEM NECESSARY
 TO PUBLIC SECURITY AND NATIONAL DEFENCE STOP UNQUOTE
 YOURS VERY TRULY
 FISHERIES INSTITUTE OF BC=

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SIMILAR DENIALS HAVE APPEARED IN NUMEROUS PAPERS FROM COAST TO COAST STOP

THE GREAT FISH PACKING COMPANIES OF BRITISHCOLUMBIA HAVE ASSURED THE AUTHORITIES THAT A REDUCTION IN FISHING LICENSES NEED NOT HAMPER A MAXIMUM CATCH PROVIDED DEPARTMENTAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS ARE APPROPRIATELY RELAXED STOP THE COMPANIES ARE ALSO COOPERATING IN THE NATIONAL EFFORT BY RELEASING SOME OF THEIR LARGEST AND MOST MODERN BOATS TO THE NAVAL RESERVE AND THE WESTERN AIR COMMAND STOP=

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UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THEY FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE EXPOSED TO FALSE AND INJURIOUS STATEMENTS AND REQUEST YOU TO USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO MAKE THE FACTS KNOWN STOP PLEASE ADVISE ME BY WIRE WHAT ACTION IS TAKEN STOP= FISHERIES INSTITUTE OF BC E S WOODWARD..

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B.F. Tuesday Jan. 28th,
House of Commons.

January 26, 1942.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of Mr. Mackenzie, I have the copy of the letter which you forwarded to the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King.

The contents have been carefully noted and will be brought to Mr. Mackenzie's attention upon his return.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon
Associate Private Secretary.

Kyuquot Trollers Co-Operative Ass'n,
1124 Government Street,
Victoria, B.C.

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KYUQUOT TROLLERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION



PRODUCERS AND MARKETERS OF OCEAN TROLL-CAUGHT QUALITY SALMON

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1124 GOVERNMENT ST. VICTORIA, B.C.

January 15, 1942.

BUYING STATIONS:
KYUQUOT
KLASKISH
WINTER HARB.
UGLULET
BAMFIELD
REFUGE COVE

Rt. Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Prime Minister,
Ottawa,
Ontario.

Dear Prime Minister:- re: Japanese in British Columbia.

Our Association has 351 members operating 260 fishing boats on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. We have fish buying stations from Bamfield north to Quatsino Sound. During the 1941 fishing season our catch was 3 1/2 million lbs. of salmon.

We have no Japanese in our membership.

We wish to commend the action taken by your Government in tying up Japanese fishing vessels in British Columbia.

We are of the opinion that this action will not seriously affect the consumer of British Columbia fish. Many white fishermen who have not felt able to compete with Japanese prices and methods, will now become actively engaged in the fishing business.

In order to help out, our Association will establish additional fish buying stations in areas formerly covered by Japanese operations.

When the War is over the absence of Japanese competition on this Coast will be an important factor in helping to re-establish our young men in civilian life.

We wish to give our entire support to those representations which are now being made urging that stronger measures be taken against the B. C. Japanese than any that have yet been taken. Our fishermen have had a good opportunity of taking note of the unfair business methods of the Japanese, their aggressiveness, and the pains they have taken to acquire an intimate knowledge of the Pacific Coast. The information they have been able to obtain as a result of their numerous activities in this Province has no doubt been made available to the military clique in Japan.

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1124 GOVERNMENT ST. - VICTORIA, B.C.
Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, P. C., -2-

BOVING STATION:
KYUQUOT
KASIKISH
WINTER HBR.
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Jan. 15/43

As a measure of common prudence we urge the immediate internment of all male Japanese of military age who are Japanese nationals, naturalized Japanese and Canadian born Japanese of military age whose births have been recorded at the Japanese Consulates.

As a practical measure we suggest that white fishermen be given an opportunity of purchasing the Japanese fishing boats now under seizure.

For many years the white population of this Province has been troubled by the problem presented by the rapid natural increase of the Japanese. The immediate situation has been bad enough, but we have been worried also by the situation as it will develop in the future, when our children and grand-children will have to contend with the same problem on a very much larger scale. We do not like to think of them being obliged to put up with a large and ever increasing alien population whose standards of living will always be lower and who will not assimilate and whose assimilation will not be desired. In future years this alien population will spread to other parts of Canada and the problem then will not be that of British Columbia alone.

We realize that in the past the Federal Government has been obliged to consider the policy of the British Empire which sought to maintain friendly relations with Japan. This is no longer necessary.

We respectfully urge that the time has come to settle this problem once and for all. It can and ought to be settled by sending every Japanese, whether born in Canada or not, back to Japan, at the termination of hostilities.

Any failure to follow a realistic policy in this regard will be considered by the people of this Province as arising from the indifference of the other Provinces to a problem which does not at the present time affect them.

Kyuquot Trollers Co-operative Assn.,

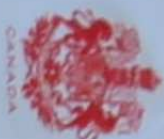
Per

W. L. Mackenzie King
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA



OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

January 17th, 1942.



My dear Colleague,

You will no doubt like to have before you the full text of Orders in Council adopted under the War Measures Act, as follows:

1. P.C. 251, dated January 13th, 1942, by which no fishing licenses to persons of Japanese racial origin may be issued for the period of the war; and also, no such persons shall be permitted to serve on fishing vessels.

2. P.C. 288, dated January 13th, 1942, providing for a committee to supervise the disposal of fishing boats impounded in British Columbia.

A mimeographed copy of each Order in Council is attached hereto.

Yours very truly,

J. L. Macdonald
Minister.

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, P.C.,
Minister,
Department of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, 9th January, 1942

Dear Ted,-

I am in receipt of your letter
of the 5th instant.

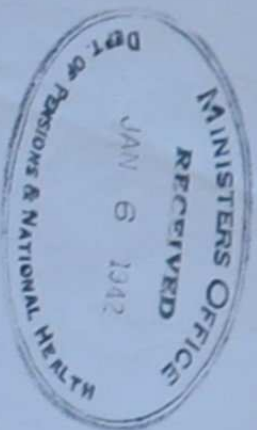
We are at the present time, in
Ottawa, discussing the Japanese fishing situation,
and when the situation is more clear I shall be
glad to write you again.

With my kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Ted Burnett, Esq.,
3390 Laurel Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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3390 Laurel St.,
Vancouver, B.C.
January 5th., 1942.

Hon. Ian McKenzie,
Minister of Pensions,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McKenzie:-

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You are quite aware of the Japanese situation in British Columbia, and the stand which the committee has taken in regards to the seizure of all Japanese fishing boats. I have been in contact with some of the committee which were quite in accord with the suggestion of - rather than tying up of these boats in a time like this, when there are so many white fishermen available to work the same and as this is the time when the so much needed dog fish, from which the oil is secured for essential war equipment, is in season, that all Japanese boats that have been impounded be chartered to white fishermen immediately, and, instead of charter money going to the Japs, as in the past, go to the Government who no doubt will be faced with the problem of taking care of those who are being rightfully refused the privilege of going to sea to secure their own livelihood.

You may not be aware of the fact that many of the boats that are owned by Japanese, have never been worked by them but have always been chartered to white men. These boats, nevertheless, have been tied up, stopping these white fishermen from fishing. At the present time we could have all these boats working and producing by white fishermen instead of, as you know, deteriorating - tied up to a wharf.

The proposal, which the committee from British Columbia, is going to present (which has met with the approval of all parties concerned) is that the Government appoint a custodian to charter these boats to bona-fide fishermen and see that they are kept producing.

I believe you have received a letter from Mr. B. S. Brown in regards to the person who should be appointed as Custodian - namely myself. I would like to make a further application. As you no doubt know,

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the fish curing business in which I am connected is finished for the duration of the war, and I am now unemployed. With my fishing experience and connection with the fishermen and operators, I believe I could handle this position as well and as profitably to both the government and the fishermen alike, as anyone.

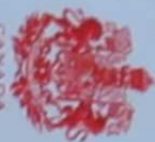
Hoping you will give this matter your immediate attention, I await an early reply,

Yours Truly,

Ed. Burnett

TB/CH.

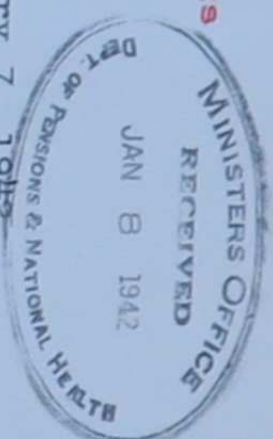
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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

January 7, 1942.



Dear Mr. Senior,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 6th enclosing copy of correspondence and a resolution from the United Fishermen's Federal Union of British Columbia, urging that no fishing licenses be issued to Japanese fishermen for the duration of the war.

This matter is presently under consideration.

Yours very truly,

Edmond Bossé
Edmond Bossé,
Private Secretary.

C. N. Senior, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

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January 6, 1942.

Dear Mr. Bossé,

I am directed to enclose for your Minister's information copy of a letter and resolution which I have received from the United Fishermen's Federal Union of British Columbia, 138 Cordova Street East, Vancouver, in which they urge that no fishing licenses be issued to Japanese fishermen for the duration of the war.

Yours very truly,

C. W. Senior
Private Secretary.

Mr. E. Bossé,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, 3rd January, 1942

Dear Mr. Burgess,-

I have your letter of December 31st, in which you enclose a resolution adopted by the United Fishermen's Union.

The question of the renewal of fishing licenses to Japanese nationals and Canadian born Japanese in British Columbia is a matter which is receiving the attention of the departments of Government immediately concerned. I have already taken the matter up with the Minister of Fisheries and he has assured me that I will be kept informed of whatever suggestions it is found advisable to submit.

In the meantime, I am bringing your resolution to his attention.

Yours sincerely,

W. T. Burgess, Esq., Secretary,
Local No. 44,
United Fishermen's Federal Union of B.C.,
138 Cordova Street East,
Vancouver, B.C.

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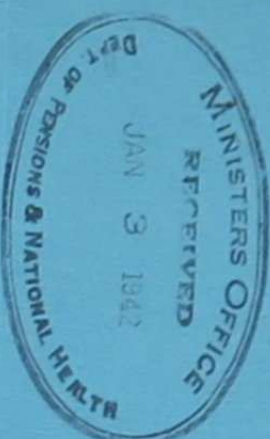
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United Fishermen's Federal Union of British Columbia

LOCAL NO. 44

Chartered by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada
Affiliated with the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council

PRESIDENT: H. STAVENES
SECRETARY: W. T. BURGESS
BUSINESS ASST: G. MILLER



138 CORDOVA STREET EAST
VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 31, 1941.

Mr. Ian McKenzie,
Member of Parliament for Vancouver Centre,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a resolution adopted by the United Fishermen's Union, which we ask you to give your careful and earnest consideration. The seriousness with which all fishermen view the subject matter of the resolution cannot be over emphasized and any action of the government contrary to that proposed in the resolution will be construed as complete disregard to the security of our country.

Yours very truly,

UNITED FISHERMEN'S FEDERAL UNION, LOCAL 44,

Per:

W. T. Burgess

W. T. Burgess, Secretary.

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RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE UNITED FISHERMEN'S FEDERAL UNION OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA, LOCAL NO. 44

WHEREAS:

The outbreak of war on the Pacific and Canada's subsequent declaration of war on Japan has placed before the Canadian people and the people of British Columbia in particular, the serious question of coping with the problem of 26,000 Japanese residents in B. C.

AND WHEREAS:

The U.F.F.U. endorses the notions thus far taken by the authorities of internment known pro-Japanese elements and of tying up the fishing vessels operated by Japanese:

AND WHEREAS:

The position of the U.F.F.U. is one of first safety and protection of our country and second the maintaining and increasing the production out-put of fish comparable to other years:

AND WHEREAS:

We understand from Good authority that certain canning interests are making representation to Canadian authorities to reissue licenses to Japanese:

AND WHEREAS:

It is our sincere and honest opinion that if such a step were taken allowing Japanese to patrol the B. C. coastal waters, would seriously endanger the safety of the Canadian people:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the U.F.F.U. requests that the authorities

take the necessary steps which will allow experienced white or native fishermen the use of all Japanese fishing vessels:

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That the U.F.F.U. strongly condemns the action of certain interests in making representation to Government authorities for reissuance of fishing licenses to Japanese and that we demand that no licenses be issued to Japanese fishermen for the duration of the war.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER



DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

December 19, 1941



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Re

My dear Colleague:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 17th instant to which you had appended copy of a telegram forwarded to you by G. A. Morrison, Secretary, North Burnaby Board of Trade.

The question of the renewal of fishing licenses to Japanese nationals and Canadian born Japanese in British Columbia is a matter which is receiving the attention of the departments of Government immediately concerned, and you will be kept informed of whatever suggestions it will be found advisable to submit.

Yours very truly,

J. A. MacKenzie

Honourable Ian MacKenzie, P.C., K.C.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

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Veuillez expédier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes

Ottawa, 19th December, 1941

S. S. McKeen, Esq.,
McKeen and Wilson Limited,
Foot of Heatley Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Licenses to Japanese will not be issued

Ian MacKenzie

Charge - Minister's Office,
Dept. Pensions & National Health.

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Ottawa, 17th December, 1941

My dear colleague,-

I beg to enclose copy of a telegram
from the Secretary of the North Borneo Board of
Trade.
I would like to have your comments
thereon.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable J. E. Michaud, M.P.,
Minister of Fisheries,
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Ottawa, 17th December, 1941

Dear Mr. Morrison,-

I am in receipt of your telegram,
which reads as follows:-

"North Burnaby Board of Trade oppose
renewal of all Japanese fishing licenses.
Urge you prohibit Japanese Nationals and
Canadian born Japanese fishing in British
Columbia waters."

I shall be glad to take this matter
up immediately with the Minister of Fisheries.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Morrison, Esq.,
Secretary,
North Burnaby Board of Trade,
Vancouver, B.C.

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NORTH BURNABY BOARD OF TRADE OPPOSE RENEWAL OF ALL JAPANESE FISHING LICENCES STOP URGE YOU PROHIBIT JAPANESE NATIONALS AND CANADIAN BORN JAPANESE FISHING IN BRITISHCOLUMBIA WATERS
G A MORRISON SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

May 9, 1940.



My dear Colleague:-

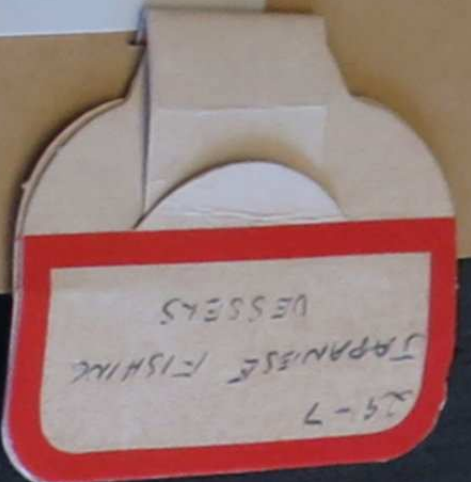
Thank you for your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing copy of a letter from the City Clerk of Vancouver, which embodies a resolution adopted by the Vancouver City Council pertaining to Japanese fishing licenses.

Yours very truly,

H. W. Baird

The Honourable Ian Mackenzie, P.C.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

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OTTAWA, May 7, 1940.

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My dear Colleague:-

Enclosed please find copy of a letter which I have received from the City Clerk of Vancouver, embodying a resolution adopted by the Vancouver City Council in regard to Japanese fishing licenses.

Yours faithfully,

The Honourable J. E. Michaud,
Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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FOR ATTENTION AT OTTAWA
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

CITY OF VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C.
APRIL 30, 1940.

Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Hon. Sir:

Re Japanese Fishermen

I beg to notify you of the following motion which was passed by the City Council on the 29th instant:

"THAT WHEREAS it is the custom of many Japanese fishermen, presumably British subjects, to return to Japan at the close of the Pacific Northwest Salmon Fishing Season;

AND WHEREAS the granting of licenses to Japanese fishermen who earn their money in Canada, and return to Japan each year to live in luxury under Japanese standards, is detrimental to the interests of Canadian fishermen;

AND WHEREAS doubt is cast upon the loyalty of these Japanese fishermen to British institutions, witness the case of Mario Sato, Peruvian citizen and fugitive from the Japanese Navy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council send strong protest to the Minister of National Fisheries against the renewal on their part of any licenses, granted each year, to Japanese fishermen who return to Japan at the close of the Fishing Season."

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) Fred Howlett,
City Clerk.

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329 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
May 2, 1940.

Dear Sir,

This acknowledges your letter of April 30th
reciting the text of the resolution adopted by the
City Council. Your representations will be placed
before the Minister of Fisheries immediately upon
my return to Ottawa.

Yours very sincerely,

Fred Howlett, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Vancouver, B.C.

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FRED HOWLETT, J.R.
CITY CLERK



VANCOUVER, B.C.
April 30, 1940.

TELEPHONE FAIRMONT 2711

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Yours very truly,

City Clerk.

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Ottawa, January 23rd, 1940.

My dear Colleague:- re: Boat pullers licenses -
Canadians of Japanese origin.

Many thanks for your note of the
17th instant, in regard to boat pullers licenses.

I shall discuss this with my
B.C. colleagues and talk to you personally as soon
as possible. I would, personally, be inclined to
favour the same number as last year.

Yours faithfully,

The Honourable J.E. Michaud,
Minister of Fisheries,
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Ontario.

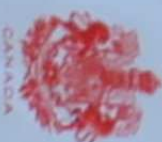
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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

January 17, 1940.

Personal

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
CANADA



My dear Colleague:

Re: Boat pullers licenses -
Canadians of Japanese origin.

It will soon be time for me to exercise
my prerogative duty and authorize the issuance of boat
pullers licenses to British subjects of Japanese origin.

As you are aware, the renewal of these
licenses is always the occasion of requests by the British
subjects of Japanese origin that they should not be curtailed,
while, on the other hand, some British subjects of white
origin claim that the Japanese should be eliminated.

Between those two diametrically opposed
views, I have to act "Salomon" like.

For your information I may give you the
following figures:

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| In 1937, and for some years previous, salmon gill net licenses issued - | 528 |
| In 1938, a reduction of 40% was made decreasing the number to - | 317 |
| In 1939, a further reduction of 21% over the previous year was also made bringing them down to | 250 |

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It was later arranged to issue 26 additional licenses to returned soldiers of Japanese origin. So, last year, we issued 276 licenses.

Some representations are being made that we should, at least, revert back to the limit established in the year 1937 and that we should issue 317 licenses.

I have received representations and petitions from Mayors and Wardens of Municipalities in the Delta area to the effect that the reduction of these boat pullers licenses was the cause of further unemployment and an increase in the relief roll.

I must confess that I have always found it difficult to justify this arbitrary legislation against British subjects of Japanese origin. This year, in view of the reasons that we are giving for our participation in the European War, it would seem all the more difficult to explain why we are adopting against these British subjects of Japanese origin the technique that Hitler adopted against the Czechs, the Slovaks, and the Poles.

Of course, I am willing to be guided by your opinion with the assurance that when the time comes you will justify my arbitrary attitude.

Yours very truly,

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