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North Shore Packing Co., Ltd.

FOOT ST. ANDREW'S AVENUE

NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.

December 17th, 1941

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Mr. J. G. McPhail,
Director of Marine Services,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Due to the seizure of all Japanese owned fishing boats on declaration of war by Japan our fish canning operations are completely at a standstill. This is because of the fact that all the boats we operated under charter and agreement were Japanese owned. This same thing applies to most of the smaller Companies like ourselves in the fish packing business who depend on the charter boats for their fishing operations as we do not own or control through mortgages our own fleet of boats like larger fishing and packing companies.

Up to now we have been packing salmon and herring in cans for the United Kingdom under Government Contract and because of the recent seizure of our boats we have had to discontinue our operations. We are, of course, fully in agreement with the seizure order as we are of the opinion that no boats should be operated by Japanese whether citizens or not in these times but what we are worrying about at the present time is that the position will be clarified shortly so that we can recharter or buy from the Government all or part of the fleet we have been using and get back into operation early in the New Year and still be able during the balance of the winter herring season to put up close to our commitments of canned fish for the United Kingdom. In this connection we may mention that we are under contract with the American Can Company at Vancouver to purchase and use a further 40,000 cases of 1 lb. oval cans in which we pack herring for the United Kingdom. We will be obliged to pay for these cans whether we can use them or not this season. The herring season will be over about the end of February or early March so that it is essential that we get into operation again early in the New Year. We may also mention that we would use no one but white or native Indian crews on all boats we charter or operate and that those boats would be under our direct supervision with no Japanese used either on them or having anything to do with them in any capacity.

Our company's operations are dependent upon the fleet of herring and salmon seine boats, packers and seines owned by C. Nakamura all of which have been under charter or agreement to us and we have little or no other source of fish supply.

Mr. J. G. McPhail,
Ottawa, Canada.

It is our wish to co-operate in every way possible with the naval authorities in providing boats for naval use but in this connection would like to point out that in commandeering boats for naval use care should be taken to see that all companies operating in the fish business contribute proportionately to the size of their fleets.

The following is a list of boats we used in our salmon and herring operations together with the name of the owner:

Nootka Sound	- Owned by C. Nakamura
Smith Sound	- " " " "
Broughton No. 1	- " " " "
Broughton No. 2	- " " " "
Rose N. No. 2, Arashio and Kuroshio	- all owned by C. Nakamura
Barkley Sound	- Owned by Unton Trading Company
Western Chief	- Owned by Tofino Trollers Assn.
Rose N	- Owned by Y. Hashimota

All of the above boats with the exception of the Arashio and Kuroshio are smaller type salmon seine boats which we believe judging from the type of boats the navy has so far commandeered from the fishing companies for use on this coast would not be suitable in size but the Arashio and Kuroshio are capable larger newer boats of the type we think the navy would want, therefore we would suggest that if further boats are required for naval work that either the Arashio or Kuroshio be taken and we feel that in this way we would be doing our part in supplying boats for naval use in proportion to the boats taken from other companies with fleets of from 20 to 50 boats. However, our operation would not be entirely crippled if we had to release both of our best boats, the Arashio and Kuroshio providing we were free to use all of the others mentioned as fishing boats and would probably be able to pick up something to pack fish with.

We may mention that the Westminster Canners Limited, New Westminster, B. C. are operating with us jointly on the herring operation and as their operations depend entirely upon some boats that we use that company will be making representation to you as well.

May we again stress that we are anxious to co-operate in every possible way with the naval authorities so long as our fishing operations are not crippled and we believe it is the wish of the

Mr. J. G. McPhail,
Ottawa, Canada.

Government that as much fish as possible be produced and canned for the United Kingdom and we would appreciate advice from you when the position with regard to these boats is clarified with the hope that we can get back into production right after the first of the year. Your consideration and advice on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

NORTH SHORE PACKING CO., LTD.

DWW/BR

per

H.M.C.Dockyard,
Esquimalt,B.C.
12th January

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of 7th January,1942 I wish to advise you that the Naval Service has tempoary custody only of all Japanese fishing vessels pending a decision on the general policy regarding these craft by Ottawa.

2. The Naval Service has no vested interest in any of these vessels and cannot therefore allocate or dispose of them.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) W. J. R. BEECH
COMMODORE, R.C.N.,
Commanding Officer,
Pacific Coast.

R.Barton, Esq.,
745 Yates Street,
Victoria, B.C.

Jan. 7/41

Department of National Defence,
Naval Service,

Dear sir,

Could you advise me on the procedure to take in regards to the purchasing of one of the Japanese trollers now tied up? Thanking you for any information you can give me.

I am,

Yours truly

R. Barton

NAVAL STORE OFFICER
JAN 9 1942
H.M.C. Dockyard Esquimalt, B.C.

COMMANDING OFFICER
PACIFIC COAST
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For your action pls.

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TO:	Intercept Group
NSHQ 621	99
	FROM: COPC

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It has been brought to my notice that there may b e considerable transfer of ownership of Japanese manned fishing boats in order to avoid legitimate detention of these boats. It is recommended that registration of Japanese manned fishing boats sent in for protective custody may be frozen until such time as a committee properly appointed by the Govt. may thoroughly investigate the status of these boats and their ultimate disposition.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No.....

1012 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

20th December, 1941.

Commodore W. J. R. Beech,
Commanding Officer,
Pacific Coast,
H.M.C. Dock Yard,
Esquimalt, Van. Is., B.C.

Dear Sir:

Bu File

Re: Japanese Fishing Boats

I wish to confirm the conversation I had with you by telephone this morning, as a result of a telegram sent to Ottawa by Mr. R. W. Mayhew, and to place on record the Custodian's position in this matter.

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The Custodian of Enemy Property is interested only in enemy property and his legal authority extends only to enemy property. Enemy property consists generally of the property in its broadest sense of persons, regardless of their nationality, who live in enemy or enemy controlled territory, or those persons who have been detained under the Defence of Canada Regulations. It therefore follows that the Custodian has only a legal interest and a right to interfere in those fishing vessels which are owned by persons who come within these two classes. In the case of vessels owned by companies, he investigates the company and if it is enemy owned places the company's affairs under control, thereby giving him an indirect interest in any vessel owned by that enemy company.

The Custodian is not interested in those vessels owned by persons of the Japanese race who have not been detained and who are free to walk the streets of this Province. Many cases of this kind have come before me in the week and one half I have been in Vancouver, and many of these cases were referred to me direct by the Naval authorities here.

Commodore W.J.R. Beech,
Esquimalt, V.I., B.C.

20th December, 1941.

Having the cases before me I am obligated to consider the evidence produced proving ownership and if I come to the conclusion from the evidence produced that there is no enemy interest involved, then I advise the Registrar of Shipping of this decision and inform him that in so far as the Custodian is concerned, documents affecting title to the particular vessel may be registered. This decision has no effect whatever on the authority of the Naval Services to retain all vessels and that I consider to be a matter which the interested parties should discuss with the proper Naval authorities and the Custodian cannot justifiably control assets which do not come within the scope of his Regulations.

Subsequent to our telephone conversation I spoke to Dr. E. H. Coleman, the Under Secretary of State and Deputy Custodian at Ottawa, and he confirmed my opinion in this matter. I suggested to him that in order to clarify the situation he might contact the Registrar of Shipping and any other Departments interested with the object of having the responsible Department in Ottawa issue effective instructions to the various Registrars of Shipping in this Province.

In view of the fact that I am returning to Ottawa on Monday it is not my intention to write any more letters to the Registrar of Shipping even to persons referred to me by the Naval authorities, but this delay cannot be continued indefinitely without embarrassing the Custodian who has, in my opinion, no legal rights in the matter.

In view of the fact that Mr. Mayhew is directly concerned, and in order to set the position clearly before him, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to him, and I am also sending a copy to Commander J. M. Smith with whom I have been in telephone communication. I wish to assure you of my sincere desire to co-operate with the Naval authorities in the very difficult situation which has developed, and I will, on arrival in Ottawa, persue the matter.

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Commanding Officer Pacific Coast
DEC 22 [illegible]
H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B.C.

Yours truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Authorized Deputy of the
Secretary of State and/or
Custodian.

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Your 0131Z 20th paragraph 2

Mr MCPHERSON is custodian for enemy property and has no authority to authorize release of ships seized in prize. A.B. MACDONALD K.C. is being instructed court procedure by Department of Justice by airmail. You should convey your views to Mr. MACDONALD. My 1635 Z/20 ~~nineteenth refers.~~

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~~Following has been received from NOI/C Vancouver begins:~~

Request approval to release Japanese Fishing boats on authority of Mr G W MCPherson, Authorized Deputy of the Secretary fo State & or Custodian, Customs House Vancouver B.C. TOO 18052/19. Hhds

2. Request Instructions & authority of Mr Pc Pherson may be communicated

Strongly recommend that no Japanese fishing boats with crews be released as this would result in seriously complicating the duties of Naval patrols which would continually heave to carry out inspections of these craft. In any case no Japanese fish boats s should be released until present round up is completed.

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From: NCI/C VANCOUVER

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Dealt with

Naval Distributing Office
H.M.C. Dockyard
DEC 17 1941

Have today sighted following telegram presented by Mr. R.V. Prenter of MacDonald and Prenter, barristers and solicitors this city (begins) 206 KC 81 Ottawa Ont. Dec 19 227 P 1941. A.B. MacDonald KC 470 Granville St. Van BC Your are authorized by Attorney General of Canada to act as agent for crown in prize proceedings three Japanese vessels Durashio Arashio Nootka Sound. Please take proceedings for condemnation ships. Apply for requisition all three as understand Naval Authorities require them. Grounds of requisition urgently required for prosecution of the War. Have appraisal made and you may give undertaking as to payment in-to court under rules. Please contact Naval Officer-in charge Vancouver for full information. FP Varcoe Deputy Minister of Justice (ends) Request confirmation.

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THIS AGREEMENT made the 1st day of March, A.D., 1941.

BETWEEN:

C. NAKAMURA, of 763 Cordova Street, East, in the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia,

8020-82

hereinafter referred to as the Contractor,

Of the First Part;

and

W. CLARKE GIBSON, of Foot of St. Andrews Street, in the City of North Vancouver, in the said Province, and DAVID W. WILSON, of 2210 West Fortieth Avenue, in the City of Vancouver aforesaid,

hereinafter referred to as the Purchasers,

Of the Second Part.

WHEREAS the Contractor is the Owner of Five (5) and controller of approximately Seven (7) Seine Boats and Two (2) Packers, as described in Schedule One hereto.

AND WHEREAS the Contractor is also the owner of certain camps, scows, and approximately Twelve (12) salmon Seine Nets, and controls One (1) herring Seine Net.

AND WHEREAS the Purchasers are the owners of a Cannery which is to be built in North Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, and intend to operate said plant when and so soon as it is completed.

AND WHEREAS the Contractor has agreed to use the equipment set out in the Schedule hereto for the purposes of ensuring a supply of fish to the Purchasers.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that the parties hereto mutually covenant and agree each with the other as follows:-

1. The Contractor covenants and agrees with the Purchasers as follows:-

(a). For a period of Three (3) years from the date hereof to deliver at the Purchasers' plant all the sockeye, cohoe, pinks and chums caught by the said owned and controlled Seine Boats set out in the Shhedule hereto.

(b). To establish and maintain fish buying camps at such places as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto.

(c). To deliver to tne Purchasers all salmon bought by him at the fish buying camps set out in sub-paragraph (b) above.

(d). That he will at all times during the currency of this Agreement keep andmaintain all of the said boats, camps, scows and nets in good working condition and use the same for the sole benefit of the Purchasers.

(e). That he will charter to the Purchasers the Packers ARASHIO and KUROSHIO during the period from July First to November Fifteenth in each year. The charter rate for each of said boats during the year 1941 shall be Thirty Dollars ($30.00) per day each bare boat. Such charter parties shall be in the form prescribed by the Canadian Manufacturers Association Fishing Division. The charter rates for the said boats for the years 1942 and 1943 shall be fixed by mutual agreement having regard to the going rates for salmon packer boats of similar capacity during such years.

(f). That he will supply herring to the Purchasers at independent prices either on the grounds or delivery at the plant, said prices being such as could be obtained by the Purchasers from other contractors.

(g). That in the event of the Packers ARASHIO and KUROSHIO being used at any time during the period of July to November to pack spring salmon and halibut for the

Contractor's account the Contractor will pay to the Purchasers one cent per pound for all such fish so carried during that period and will also pay for the ice used on camps or sold on the Contractor's account.

2. In consideration of the covenants of the Contractor herein expressed the Purchasers covenant and agree with the Contractor as follows:-

(a). That they will take delivery and pay for on arrival of all such sockeye, cohoe, pinks and chums caught by the said owned and controlled Seine Boats and will pay to the Contractor without commission the ground prices on all such fish: provided however that in the event of the Purchasers' canning operations being interfered with by reason of strikes, acts of God, or other conditions beyond the control of the Purchasers, the Purchasers may postpone taking delivery of such fish while such conditions continue.

(b). That they will, commencing July First, 1941, and continuing until November Fifteenth in each year during the term of this Agreement, pay to the Contractor the wages and running expenses of the Contractor's camps and pick-up boats in an amount not in excess of Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000.00) in each year. The Contractor shall be liable for any expense in excess of the said maximum amount, except in the event of the Purchasers requesting the Contractor to maintain fish buying camps in areas other than Johnstone Straits and Barclay Sound.

(c) That they will pay Blaine Myers the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for the season of 1941 in return for which he is to take care of the Contractor's and the Purchasers' interests in the matter of fresh fish sales.

(d). That they will deliver to the Contractor free of charge Ninety-five per cent (95%) of all salmon eggs obtained by the Purchasers, and they will allow the Contractor to use such part of their plant as may be necessary to process such eggs.

3.It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Purchasers shall forthwith incorporate a Company under the provisions of the Companies Act of the Province of British Columbia and that this Agreement shall be assigned by the Purchasers to such Company. The Contractor hereby agrees to the assignment of this Agreement by the Purchasers to said proposed Company when incorporated, and forthwith upon such Assignment becoming effective he agrees to release the Purchasers from all personal liability for the performance of the covenants contained in this Agreement.

4. It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto that in the event of the Purchasers being unable to obtain a licence for the operation of a cannery in the City of North Vancouver that this Agreement shall at the option of the Purchasers be null and void and of no effect. The Purchasers agree to use their best endeavours to obtain such a licence from the Provincial Government.

5. It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto that the Contractor shall be at liberty at any time during the currency of this Agreement without notice to the Purchasers to sell or dispose of any of his own boats set out in the Schedule hereto, in which event the Contractor agrees that he will replace any such boats so sold or disposed of by other boats of equal capacity, and such replacement shall be made in sufficient time so as not to interfere with fishing operations in any season.

6. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

7. The Purchasers will retain control of the Company above mentioned ~~xxxx~~ during the term of this Agreement.

8. This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED
In the presence of

Wilfrid M. Martin
163 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Broker

C. NAKAMURA

W. C. GIBSON

D. W. WILSON

SCHEDULE ONE.

Fishing Boats owned by C. Nakamura:-

"NOOTKA SOUND"

"SMITH SOUND"

"BROUGHTON No. 1"

"BROUGHTON No. 2"

"ROSE N No. 2"

Packers owned by C. Nakamura:-

"ARASHIO"

"KUROSHIO"

Fishing Boats controlled by C. Nakamura:-

"WESTERN CHIEF"

"ROSE N."

It is mutually agreed that the above named controlled boats are subject to change without notice.

CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY
(OPERATING ITS OWN LINES AND THOSE OF THE GREAT NORTH WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS) HEREINAFTER CALLED THE COMPANY

NORTH SHORE PACKING CO., LTD.
FOOT ST. ANDREW'S AVENUE
NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

Col A. W. Sparling,
Room 296,
Chateau Laurier,
Ottawa, Canada

Our Company has the following Japanese owned boats under charter and fishing agreement from July 1st, 1941 for a period of 3 years, Arashio, Kuroshio, Nootka Sound, Smith Sound, Broughton One, Broughton Two, Rose N. Two and the following under short term charter agreement, Western Chief, Rose N. and Barclay Sound stop We were using white and native Indian fishermen stop Due to seizure Japanese owned boats our canning operations completely at standstill since December 8 stop We cannot get other boats replace those seized stop We were canning salmon and herring under Government Contract 100% of which went to Britain stop Present time herring fishing season on every day lost costing considerable production canned herring for U.K. in addition to which we under contract use further 40,000 cases herring cans present season stop Only 4 weeks left present herring fishing season quick action therefore imperative stop We believe Japanese should not be allowed either to fish or be on boats and we have no desire use them in any capacity stop All we want is release our controlled boats for use in production necessary canned fish stop We are agreeable provide one or two these boats for naval use if such is desired but in just proportion to boats supplied to navy by other Companies stop We have ten boats only on which we depend for our fish supply and if one of ours is provided for naval use we feel that we would have supplied our percentage in line with other Companies some of which have fleets of a size and power suitable for naval use of from 30 to 75 boats stop At present time navy has taken 4 of our best boats or 40% of our fleet and only from 2 to 5% of other Companies' fleets stop Pending appointment custodian as agreed upon at our meeting with you last week can you arrange immediate release to us of Japanese boats named in first sentence hereof so that we may resume canning operations

North Shore Packing Co. Ltd.

Purchasers as follows:-

FOOT ST. ANDREW'S AVENUE
NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.

January 15th, 1942

8020-821/4

Mr. Justice Sydney Smith,
Commander B. L. Johnson,
Mr. K. Kamura,
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:

We are attaching hereto various correspondence and telegrams we have transmitted to the Naval Authorities in Ottawa and Esquimalt in connection with our fleet of Japanese owned fishing boats and packers which we have under charter and agreement. We are also enclosing a copy of our contract with C. Nakamura, owner of the majority of our fleet. Kindly note as shown in our contract that we built a new cannery in 1941 on the strength of tying up Nakamura's fleet to our Company for a period of 3 years in order to guarantee us a fish supply. Without this assured fleet of fishing boats and packers we would not for a moment have considered investing our money in a cannery.

We think we need not go to any length in explaining the position we find ourselves in as a result of the seizure of Japanese owned boats, the attached correspondence and copies of telegrams will explain that fully. Suffice it to repeat that we are entirely at a standstill.

Our fleet consisted of ten boats for which we depended on our entire fish supply, the Navy has up to the present requisitioned the following: Arashio, Kuroshio, Smith Sound, Barkley Sound, Nootka Sound and the Western Chief, leaving us with only four seine boats the latter of course still being under seizure. If the Navy should insist upon retaining all the above requisitioned boats we would not again be able to operate our plant as these boats cannot be replaced and our investment in the Cannery would be of little value.

We wish to co-operate with the authorities in every way and supply what boats we can to the Navy without crippling our operations and we feel that if the Navy retains the Arashio or Kuroshio and the Barkley Sound we will have supplied our good share of boats proportionately to our size of fleet compared with other Companies in the fish business.

Because of the fact we had all Japanese owned boats under charter and fishing agreement (a situation governed by the fact all the white owned boats are tied up to larger fishing companies in one way or another) we find ourselves in the position of being the only Company in the fish business to have our canning operations

Purchasers as follows:-

completely at a standstill, the other companies having sufficient of their owned and controlled white boats to keep their operations going to nearly full capacity. The tie up of our fleet is considerably affecting the production of canned herring for Britain.

Our contract with Nakamura as you will note ties up the following boats to us for a period of 3 years:

Arashio
Kuroshio
Nootka Sound
Smith Sound
Broughton No. 1
Broughton No. 2
Rose N No. 2

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As a result of the recent happening we have arranged with Nakamura that if we so desire we may buy all of the above boats with the exception of those retained by the Navy. We must definitely have all of the above with the exception of either the Arashio or Kuroshio to keep our operations going whether we exercise our 3 year agreement or purchase the boats either of which is agreeable to Nakamura.

In addition to the above boats we have under agreement and used during the present fishing season the following boats:

Western Chief
Rose N
Barkley Sound

Of these three the Barkley Sound is the largest and best boat and we are willing to release her for the Navy. We have made agreements with the Japanese owners of the Western Chief and Rose N to charter these two boats for the duration of the War on a yearly basis.

We feel that in placing these facts before you gentlemen you will see we get a just settlement of our case and that we will be allowed to exercise our rights and contracts in retaining for our use the majority of our fleet and get back into production.

We know it is the desire of the Government that all canned fish possible be produced for Britain and that the Government would not knowingly cripple any producer of canned fish especially as British Columbia is a long way short of filling the canned herring contract for the British Government.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early and favourable decision.

Yours very truly,

NORTH SHORE PACKING CO. LTD.

per [signature]
Managing Director.

DWW/BR
Encls.

Purchasers as follows:-

NAVAL MESSAGE

C.O.P.C. 73

From: N.S.H.Q. OTTAWA

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AVAL SUPT.
UP. N.O.
OGS

North Shore Packing Co. State they have ten fish boats on charter to them and Navy have requisitioned five of these, making an unfair proportion as compared to vessels requisitioned which are on charter to other companies. They have been told to discuss the matter with you. Report results of discussion to N.S.H.Q. and make any further recommendations if any.

Signal Distributing Office
JAN 16 1942
H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B.C.

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TO: N S H Q 863		FROM: COPC

Your 1549Z/16.

Satisfactory arrangementx has been made with North Shore Packing Co. representative. All of ten boats on charter by this company are Japanese owned and are under protective custody. Five of these have been requisitioned by RCN, which is considered a reasonable proportion considering number of Japanese owned boats previously requisitioned was nil. Manager of Company will be satisfied if he can be given priority in chartering substitutes from boats under protective custody not required by naval service. Recommend this company be given reasonable facilities to this end.

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COPC 91

From: GR. 49

NSHQ OTTAWA

Your 2002Z/18

Request you arrange for the new board appointed for the purpose of releasing Japanese vessels in custody to grant reasonable facilities to the Northshore Packing Co. for chartering.

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(re cypher)

H.M. Signal Distributing Office
JAN 19 1942
H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B.C.

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NORTH SHORE PACKING CO

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IF COMMODORE BEECH AGREES RELEASE SOME OF YOUR BOATS SUGGEST HAVE OWNER AGREE WITH JUSTICE SMITH THAT NO DAMAGE CLAIMS WILL BE MADE PROVIDED BOATS ALL RIGHT AFTER YOUR IMMEDIATE INSPECTION STOP THIS MAY GET QUICK ACTION FROM JUSTICE SMITH STOP HE CAN WIRE COMMODORE JOHNSTON WHOM FEEL SURE WILL AGREE STOP YOU GET KIMURA AGREE STOP THEREFORE WOULD NOT NEED AWAIT MEETING COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY

F D MATHERS

COMMODORE, R.C.N.,
Commanding Officer,
Pacific Coast.

Mr. Justice Sydney Smith,
Board for Releasing Jap Vessels,
c/o Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Vancouver, B.C.

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NORTH SHORE PACKING CO., LTD.

FOOT ST. ANDREW'S AVENUE

NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.

January 19th, 1942

8090-821/4

Commodore W. J. R. Beach,
C.O.P.C. Naden,
Esquimalt, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Following up the interview which you so kindly granted the writer Saturday last in your office, we wish to go on record and state that it is our desire to do everything we can in assisting Naval Defence Work in so far as providing boats.

As you stated you will require quite a number of the larger better class fish boats some of which we happen to have under our control, we are willing to supply them along the lines you suggested that is allowing us priority on other Japanese boats either by charter or purchase to replace in part at least boats you requisitioned from us.

In this connection and as suggested by you and with permission granted us we will look over the Japanese fleet now tied up and select a few we think would suit our purpose especially those we think will not pass naval requirements or steam boat inspection and would manage to keep our operations going with such boats until the War is over and we get back the boats the Navy has taken.

We will submit a list of these boats after casual inspection as quickly as possible with the expectation that as we will not protest the requisitioning of our best boats, you will see to it that we get some of the other Japanese boats unsuitable for your purposes and that we be allowed to charter them at reasonable competitive rates.

There is always the uncertainty that the owner of these boats we select which do not pass your requirements might not want to charter them to us. In this event we take it that we will be assisted in chartering such boats on the right basis.

As the situation now stands you have requisitioned 6 out of 10 of our boats namely the following: Arashio, Kuroshio, Smith Sound, Nootka Sound, Barkley Sound and Western Chief, the remainder of our fleet (4 boats) being small seine boats and with which alone we could not operate our plant. Of the above boats which you have requisitioned we must have the Nootka Sound otherwise we would have no seine boat suitable to carry and operate our big herring seine. The Western Chief we think you will return to us anyway as she is very old and in poor condition and unlikely to pass your requirements.

Commodore W. J. R. Beach,
Esquimalt, B. C.

On the above basis you have requisitioned 40% of our fleet and we are willing to accept the alternative of accepting other Japanese boats with the bought in mind of assisting in the defence effort in every way possible. With the return of the Nootka Sound to us we can get by with 2 or 3 other Japanese boats found to be unsuitable for your requirements. Failing to obtain return of the Nootka Sound and the substitute boats mentioned would put us completely out of business.

May we again state that on this plan we feel we would have done considerable in the interest of defence out of a small fleet of boats when one considers the small percentage of boats supplied by the other companies with big fleets of large powerful boats whose operations have not been in the least curtailed as a result of naval requisitioning of boats.

Thanking you to give this your kind consideration and assist us to keep our canned fish operations going.

Yours very truly,

NORTH SHORE PACKING CO. LTD.

per
MANAGING DIRECTOR

DWW/BR

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COMMANDING OFFICER
PACIFIC COAST
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NORTH SHORE PACKING
FOOT ST. ANDREW'S AVENUE
NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C

January 20th, 1942

8020-821/4

Commodore W. J. R. Beach,
C.O.P.C. Naden,
Esquimalt, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Further to our letter of yesterdays date Mr. Gibson and myself in company with Sub. Lt. Vincent made a quick inspection of the Japanese boats tied up in the Fraser River.

If we agree to turn over to the Navy our best boats Arashio, Kuroshio, Barclay Sound and Smith Sound and are allowed to retain the Nootka Sound, Western Chief and Rose N. of our controlled fleet, we could manage to get by with the following smaller Japanese packers and would be willing to take them on the same charter basis paid by the Navy on mutually agreeable valuation:

Loyal No. 1
Springtime V
Howe Sound 111
Izuini 11

In addition to this of course we expect to get the Broughton 1, Broughton 11 and Rose N. 2, the small seine boats we have under agreement. These latter three would be of no use to the navy in any event as they are old poorly equipped boats.

Thanking you to give this your kind consideration, we are,

Yours very truly,

NORTH SHORE PACKING CO. LTD.

per D. W. Gibson
MANAGING DIRECTOR

DWW/

COMMANDING OFFICER
PACIFIC COAST
JAN 21 1942
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CANNAT' JAN 17th 1942

NORTH VANCOUVER

F D MATHERS CHATEAU LAURIER OTTWAW ONT "NC"

INTERVIEW WITH COMMANDER BEECH SATISFACTORY TO EXTENT THAT HE WILL ENDEAVOR PROVIDE THAT WHILE WE MAY NOT

GET ALL OF SAME BOATS RETURNED WHICH WE WERE USING WE WILL GET PRIORITY RIGHTS ON SUFFICIENT OTHER BOATS OF

SIMILAR SIZE WHICH DO NOT PASS NAVY REQUIREMENTS STOP HE PROMISED CONTACT COMMANDER JOHNSTON ON HIS RETURN

VANCOUVER REGARDING THIS STOP MEANTIME HOWEVER NO BOATS WILL BE RELEASED UNTIL ACTION BY JUSTICE SMITH

COMMITTEE STOP MEANTIME HAVE CHARTERED THREE WHITE PACKERS TEMPORARILY TO PACK FROM JOHNSTON STRAITS

PHOENIX SEINES FOR YOU AND OURSELVES.

NORTH SHORE PACKERS.

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per

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N. H. B. FISH WHARF
VANCOUVER, B. C.

H.M.C.S. "NADEN"
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JAN 28 1942
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A/ CAPTAIN, R.C.N.
ESQUIMALT, B. C.

Jan 21/42

C. O.
H. M. C. S. Naden

Dear Sir

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I am
yours Truly
S. Nogami.

COMMANDING OFFICER
PACIFIC COAST
JAN 24 1942
INITIALS | FILE No. 10-5-11

Purchasers as follows:-

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Jan. 21/42

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Yours truly

(Sgd.) S. Nogami.

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P.C. 10-5-11
The Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY"
Esquimalt, B. C.

For information and necessary action.

(Sgd.) W. J. R. BEECH
COMMODORE, R.C.N.,
Commanding Officer
Pacific Coast.

H.M.C. Dockyard,
Esquimalt, B. C.

25th January, 1942.

Purchasers as follows:-

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of 21st January, 1942, I wish to advise you that the Naval Service has temporary custody only of all Japanese fishing vessels.

The Naval Service has no vested interest in any of these vessels and cannot therefore allocate or dispose of them.

You should make application to the Special Committee headed by Mr. Justice Smith, Vancouver.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) W. J. R. BEECH

COMMODORE, R.C.N.,
Commanding Officer
Pacific Coast.

PS:hac

Mr. Dan Lovett,
679 Herald Street,
Victoria, B. C.

Purchasers as follows:-

Victoria B.C.

To Department of National Defence
Naval Service
Victoria B.C.

NAVAL SUPERINTENDENT
JAN 28 1942
0369
H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

I would like information as to how I might be able to acquire the use of one of the Japanese fishing boats recently confiscated by the goverment. Has the goverment any of the boats in Victoria. or would I have to go to Vancouver?

Thanking you.

Yours truly
C. R. Wilcox.

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The Commanding Officer Pacific Coast:-

It is submitted that a reply may be made to the above from your office as I have not the necessary information.

(A.D.M.Curry)
Engineer Captain R.C.N.
Naval Superintendent.

January 28th. 1942

COMMANDING OFFICER
PACIFIC COAST
JAN 30 1942
INITIALS
FILE No.
10-5-11

30th January, 1942.

Dear Doctor Sampson:

The Commanding Officer Pacific Coast has advised this Department of the splendid work you did in connection with rounding up Japanese fishing vessels last month.

The Department is extremely grateful for the valuable service you have rendered, and the efficiency and willingness with which you carried this out is much appreciated.

I am directed to convey to you the thanks of the Naval Service and request that you pass this on to the members of your crew.

Yours truly,

(J. O. Cossette)
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Dr. J.A. Sampson,
Vancouver Yacht Club,
Vancouver, B. C.

NAVAL MESSAGE

To: SO (I)
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A/SO (O)
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SUP. N.O.
NAVAL SUPT.
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C.O.P.C.

From: N.O.I/C VANCOUVER

Japanese Fishing Vessel disposal committee requests the following be passed (Begins) Prospective Purchasers of larger boats are reluctant to decide on purchase until they are assured that Naval requirements have been met, and that requisitioning of additional vessels is not anticipated. Reply requested. 2344z/30 (ends)

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Naval Distributing Office
JAN 30 1942
H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B.C.

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F.A.	
B.U.	
C.R.	
N.F.A.	

The Commanding Officer Pacific Coast,
H.M.C. Dockyard,
Esquimalt, B. C.

This is not on the right file - probably Rounding up of Japanese file or some other. 8/2/42.

Enclosure

H.Q. 1010
100M-2-40 (6811)
N.S. 615-7-1010

Nanaimo B.C.

Feb 2nd 42.

Dept of National Defence

Victoria B.C.

Dear Sirs.

Could you please Tell me if the Japanese Fishing Boats which were confiscated are to be disposed off. If so who should I get in touch with in regards to purchasing a Cod fishermans boat.

I am a Canadian, Married, and would like to settle in Alberni Canal and do some fishing in my spare time.

So Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated

Yours Respectfully

Chris Jackson

FOR INFORMATION

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COMMANDING OFFICER
PACIFIC COAST
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Purchasers as follows:-

PUGET SOUND NAVIGATION COMPANY
INTER OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

S S Iroquois

Feb. 12, 1942

Commander W J Beach
Navy Yard
Esquimalt, B C

Dear Sir,

I wish to obtain some information on the Jap fishing boats which were recently interred, and I believe are held at Stevetson, B.C. It is difficult to obtain boats of this type and size now, and if possible, I would like to bid on or purchase one for the purpose of fishing in Alaska. I will appreciate word as to whom I can contact to make this purchase, presumably someone under your jurisdiction. For your convenience I am enclosing a self addressed envelope. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

R H De Cou
c/o S S Iroquois
Puget Sound Navigation Co.

Feb. 12, 1942

Senior Naval Officer,
Esquimalt, B.C.

Dear Sir:—

Through kindness of the local Provincial Police an inquiry was made to the visiting Naval Officer regarding the possibility of the sale of the seized Japanese and Canadian-Japanese boats and out-boards, and was told to write to you. Since some of my Canadian friends have voiced their desire to purchase these boats, I take this opportunity to inquire what channel one must follow to buy or sell these boats, if these boats are allowed to be sold.

About two weeks ago, a Mr. T. Maccott, wishing to buy a seized gill-net boat, wrote to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Commission on Lancaster over, but to date no answer has been received. He also has asked to be informed regarding the purchase of the above boat.

Yours truly,
T. Sogawa.

COMMANDING OFFICER
PACIFIC COAST
FEB 17 1942
INITIALS | FILE No. 10-5-11 Vol II

Longview, Alberta,
Feb. 13/42.

To The Honorable,
Minister of Lands & Mines,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly give me some information in regard to the disposal of the Japanese Fishing Fleet and Equipment? All my people are engaging on the Atlantic and the Northumberland Straits, etc, and that's where I received my experience as I was out from the time I completed my school education until I joined the Army in the last war and had a boat of my own and carried bait & live lobsters from the Madelin Islands to Pointaskene, N.B. and am interested in getting in the fishing business now on the West Coast.

Could you tell me anything about the size of the boats. How-

Power and make of engine,
whether Diesel or Gas and
the price of each or what
arrangements can be made?
When they are going to be leased
or chartered and to whom one
can write to make arrangements
or see when I go out there
shortly.

I know that there are three
men in charge of it, Mr Smith
& Mr. Johnson and one other,
but I don't know where to
get in touch with them.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours truly,
Steven J. Trenholm

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Telephone Pacific 9331

1528 Marine Building
VANCOUVER, B.C. FEB 10 1942

This Committee was constituted by Order in Council,P.C.288, January 13th, 1942, for the purpose of implementing an effective plan to transfer impounded Japanese fishing vessels to new owners, who must be Canadian citizens, other than Japanese origin.

Prospective purchasers should be experienced fishermen, who propose using the vessels in the Fishing Industry of British Columbia. They should negotiate directly with the Japanese owner of the ship they wish to buy, or with his representative.

Descriptive details of vessels are available in the offices of the Committee, which may be freely examined by those interested.

When an agreement for sale and purchase has been made by the Japanese owner and buyer, the details of the transaction should be submitted to the Committee, and, if approved, the transfer of the vessel can be promptly completed. If an agreement cannot be reached between parties, the Committee will arbitrate the differences.

Only outright sales, enabling transfer of title of vessel, will be approved by the Committee. In the event of a purchase involving term payments to the seller, the balance to be paid, must be secured by mortgage.

Permits for inspection of vessels under negotiations, will be issued jointly to owner and prospective purchaser when there is reasonable prospect of an agreement being reached.

. . . . . .

To prospective purchasers living at a distance from Vancouver, the following procedure is suggested:-

When a specifically desired vessel is known, as well as the name and address of the owner, direct negotiations should be carried out in accordance with the procedure outlined above.

Where the vessel is known but not the owner or his whereabouts, the Committee's offices will assist in supplying the information.

In the case of fishermen not having any specific vessel in mind, but desiring to purchase one or more of the impounded vessels for active fishing service in British Columbia waters, he should write this office, giving the following information:

(a) Type and size of vessel required.
(b) What class of fishing he primarily proposes and the probable general fishing location.
(c) Amount of cash payment he is prepared to make.
(d) What terms are required for the balance of total purchase price.

With this information on hand, this office will endeavor to have Japanese owners of suitable vessels communicate directly with prospective purchaser.

All communications should be addressed to the Committee.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

A. E. McMaster, Executive Assistant.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Telephone Pacific 9331 1528 Marine Building
VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 25,1942.

Mr. Hinson J. Trenholm,
LONGVIEW,ALTA.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February the 13th, addressed to The Honourable Minister of Lands & Mines, Victoria, has been referred to me for a reply.

In all we have over 1200 of these Japanese fishing vessels under our jurisdiction. Therefore, it is quite impracticable to send you a descriptive list. These boats, however, are suitable for any kind of West Coast fishing; and amongst them, undoubtedly, there would be some suitable to your purpose.

The attached circular will give you a general idea of the method of procedure in acquiring one of these boats, and you will note from this that charter or leases are not approved by this Committee. In purchasing, however, a substantial cash payment, say of a third to a half of the value, is permissible, the balance to be covered by mortgage.

We have in this office descriptive details of all these vessels, as well as the owners' names, and if you,or a representative, call here, we shall be glad to give any assistance possible to help you in your negotiations.

Yours very truly,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
Encl.

March 2,1942.

Commander A.H.Reed, R.C.N.R.,
Naval Officer in Charge,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

Dear Commander Reed:

Mr. McMillan of the Cassiar Packing Co. advised us today that he was negotiating for the purchase of several of the impounded Japanese fishing vessels at Prince Rupert, and that as soon as he had concluded tentative arrangements with the owners, he would ask his representative at Prince Rupert, E. Snidel, to request permission to examine the boats concerned.

It is probable that any absentee owners will arrange to have Mr. Kunisaburo Miwa of Prince Rupert represent them in the transactions, and we should appreciate your permitting examination.

Should any of these boats require survey for damage or missing inventories, I presume you will arrange with a Naval surveyor to appraise any claims for damage, in which event, in order that our files may be complete, we should appreciate receiving a copy of his report. The transaction insofar as transfer of these or any other impounded vessels, can be completed in this office.

Yours very truly,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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Commander B.L. Johnson, D.S.O., R.C.N.R.
Kishi,o Kimura

A.E. McMaster, Executive Assistant.

TO THE REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Sir:

Re Ex-Japanese Fishing Vessel:

Length: Breadth: Depth:

Engine:

The owner of this vessel,

declines to sell at a resaonable price.

, whose signature,
for identification purposes, appears below, has offered to purchase the vessel for the sum of Dollars ($), which sum is considered reasonable and has been accepted as the purchase price by this Committee, and is being held in trust by the Committee, pending completion of Bill of Sale.

You are requested to permit the purchaser,
to operate this boat until the presently licensed owner,
completes the execution of Bill of Sale, or some other provision has been made.

This letter is issued in duplicate, one copy of which is to be retained in your files, the other to be in the possession of
for clearance and navigation purposes.

Yours faithfully,
JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

A.E. McMASTER,
Executive Assistant.

Signature of:

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May 20th, 1942

AIR MAIL

The Honourable Mr. J.E. Michaud
Minister of Fisheries
OTTAWA

Sir,

FORCED SALES OF VESSELS

Up to the present all vessel sales have been consummated through free negotiation between Japanese owners and purchasers, but in these 600 transactions obstinate owners were generally avoided.

A large percentage of the vessels remaining unsold, belongs to a recalcitrant class of owners, who obviously desire to avoid selling their vessels by any means.

The Committee's policy has been to use every reasonable means of persuading these owners to sell their vessels, but currently when this means has proven futile, it was decided to sell the vessels at a price considered fair and reasonable.

The first three cases of this kind have just been completed, and the Registrar of Shipping of Vancouver has been good enough to grant a clearance through the medium of the enclosed form of letter, which is self-explanatory.

It is recognized that this is a temporary expedient, and that a recognized Bill of Sales must replace the temporary document; therefore, the Committee recommends that authority be granted to the Committee to give permanence to this procedure through Order in Council or through some other approved method. The point is not immediately pressing and could be left for later consideration, if desired.

Respectfully submitted.

A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant

AEM/PH
Encl. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
Naval Service

5th November, 1942.

Mr. R. G. Bell,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
505 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL "WOODS"(PR.000-E)

Dear Sir:

This vessel was loaned to Sgt. Macewicz of the Medical Department, U. S. Army and Sgt. Teddy L. Bequette, U. S. Army, now stationed at Prince Rupert, by Naval Headquarters at Prince Rupert, to temporarily replace the boat owned by above men, which had been damaged by one of H.M.C. Ships.

2. The boat was loaned, pending a decision from Ottawa as to settlement of claim, which has not yet been received.

3. Your surveyor, Mr. Gould, when visiting Prince Rupert, surveyed the vessel for valuation, and was fully conversant with the transaction, but I now find that your local agent, Mr. G. L. Rorie, has had no information, and he informs me that the vessel is not on his list.

4. Kindly advise me what has transpired in regard to this matter with a view to settlement of any claim which may be made against Naval Authorities for damage incurred to the original vessel owned by above named parties and also whether you have officially taken over the "Woods", which is still in the hands of the above U.S. Personnel.

Yours very truly,

"A.H.Reed"
Commander, R.C.N.R.

November 13, 1942

Miss F. Carroll,
Authorized Deputy of the
Secretary of State and/or Custodian.

Dear Madam:

Re: Japanese Fishing Vessel "Woods"
PR.000-E, Survey Report No.16,PR.

As stated in Commander Reed's report, this vessel was taken over by the Canadian Naval Authorities and loaned to Sgt. T.L.Bequette of the United States Army at Prince Rupert, B. C.

On my recent visit to Prince Rupert, Sept. 29th, it was agreed by Commander Reed and me that Engineer Officer Sutherland and I should survey the above named fishing vessel for valuation purposes. The idea was that the valuation of the "Woods" was to be the compensation value to be paid by the Naval Authorities to the American Sergeant for the total loss of his boat; i.e., the Naval Authorieits agreed to exchange the "Woods" for the Sergeant's boat which they had damaged beyond repair.

The value of the "Woods" as agreed upon by Sutherland and myself after our survey was $175.00. We then proceeded to the Naval Stores Yard and examined the Sergeant's boat, which was landed in the yard. The stern of this boat was completely shattered and the planking forward of amidships split and fractured. The cost of repairing would exceed the cost of building a new hull of the same dimensions as the hull condemned; the engine, an Easthope 4-6 HP we valued at $100.00.

I was given to understand that the Navy could use this engine in one of their small runabout boats thereby cutting down their loss to $75.00.

Engineer Officer Sutherland and I reported to Commander Reed who told me he would report these facts to Ottawa. I in turn promised that the Custodian would forward to him a Bill-of-Sale for the "Woods" on receipt of the official acceptance by the Naval Authorities of the "Woods" at $175.00

Faithfully yours

"John Gould"
Marine Surveyor for the Custodian.

8th December, 1942

Naval Officer in Charge,
H.M.C.S. Chatham,
PRINCE RUPTER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: "Woods" PR.316

Enclosed please find sales papers covering the above noted vessel, which we trust you will find entirely in order.

Would you be kind enough to make your cheque payable to "The Custodian of Enemy Property".

Yours faithfully,

M. Sullivan

Prohibited Property Department