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July 24th, 1945

MEMORANDUM

RE: Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association

With reference to assets of the above association, the JP Form of Kanematsu NAGAMI, Evacuee File 1066, lists particulars as follows:

Moneys held in trust for the Skeena Fishermen's Association, President,
Mr. K. Miwa, Prince Rupert, B. C. 20¢
Mr. K. Nagami, Accountant.

Accounts with the Royal Bank of Canada, Prince Rupert, B. C.

Account # 11 \$ 171.33

1436

Account #H329 \$ 582.89

Account #H328 \$ 158.28

Total \$ 912.50

1 - \$500.00 War Savings Certificate TF 159, "The No. 2 District Fishermen's Association" Port Essington, B. C.

1 - \$100.00 War Savings Certificate, TE2302, "The No. 2 District Fishermen's Association", Port Essington, B. C.

In the possession of Mr. K. Nagami, Accountant.

This Association also holds one Lot upon which there stands one Hall and one three room shack at Port Essington, B. C. Title Deeds in possession of Japanese Association, Gore Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

See file 12196 - Canadian Japanese Association for Real Property.

*Jenichi Williams Treas. 730 Euclid Ave Toronto.
 " Kinoshita -
B. Haraoka. ret. Japan. Pres.
(Eikichi Kaguchi acting Pres. 8 Mountview Ave Toronto?
above are Officers of Can. Japanese Assn.)*

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: October 30, 1944

Name: Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Ass'n Reg. No.

File: 11998

Boat File No.: Custodian 11998

Name of Vessel: "Canada" 34'x8'x4' (1923) Palmer 2 cyl, 15 HP

Lic. or Reg. No.: None

Naval No.: M PR.060-B

Owner's Valuation: \$500.00

JFVDC Valuation: 150.00 Survey #77 PR

Custodian Valuation: 100.00

Date of Sale: October 6, 1942

Purchaser: Gunnar DELGRIN

Signature on Sales Papers: Custodian Sale

Selling Price: \$100.00

Paid to ~~W.F. Delgin~~ Custodian: 50.00 Salvage to Gunnar Delgin
50.00

Supervision Costs: 6.04

Balance due Owner: 43.96

Paid to: 43.21 *5m*
Cr. Account of Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Ass'n

Location of Boat at Sale: Inverness Cannery

Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

According to O.W. Phillipson, appraiser for JFVDC, this boat was set adrift by the Japanese.

Mr. Gould reports that the boat was salvaged by Gunnar Delgren.

Japanese reported that the navy had left her tied to dolphin at
Additional Information: North Pacific Cannery, and she later drifted to
Inverness Cannery.

J. Maitson
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11998, 15731

February 18, 1949.

Mr. M. Noguchi,
130 Delhi Street,
Guelph, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We understand that you acted as Secretary to the Amalgamated Fishermen's Association and we wish to enquire concerning ownership of some real property in Port Essington.

This property, described as the Easterly 28 feet of Lot 13, Block 1, Townsite of Port Essington, Map 537, on which is built a hall and small dwelling, is registered in the name of the Canadian Japanese Association. Mr. J. W. Kinoshita, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Japanese Association, advises that the Canadian Japanese Association did not own any real property in British Columbia.

We have had correspondence with officers of the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association and the No. 2 District Fishermen's Association and it appears that the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association became incorporated under the name No. 2 District Fishermen's Association. We do not understand how the property became registered in the name Canadian Japanese Association and if you can give us any information as to how this came about, we will appreciate it. We would also like to know where the title deed is located as Mr. Nagami, before his death, stated that the Certificate of Title was in the possession of the Canadian Japanese Association, but Mr. Kinoshita states that he has no knowledge of its whereabouts.

If you are not in a position to explain the ownership of this property, would you please be good enough to let us have the name of the Solicitor who acted for the Japanese fishermen at Prince Rupert when this Association was incorporated.

We enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours very truly,

AGM/AG
Enc. envelope

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

MEMORANDUM

To

The Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Department of the Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	DEC 15 1948
File No.	7796
Ans.	<i>A. J. H.</i>
Reference	<i>M. B. H.</i>

Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association.

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant I beg to advise you that the above association has never been incorporated under the "Societies Act".

I regret that this office overlooked mentioning this fact in the previous letter.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B.C.

Dec. 14th, 19 48.

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REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

PER **M.B.**

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December 13, 1948.

Deputy Registrar of Companies,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: SKEENA JAPANESE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

We have your letter of December 10 for acknowledgment.

Would you kindly deal with the last part of paragraph 1 of our letter of December 8 and advise whether you have any record of the incorporation of an association called the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association and if so, the date of incorporation and whether it is still on the register.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC



OFFICE OF
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

VICTORIA, December 10th, 1948.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville Sts.,
Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
REC'D	DEC 10 1948
File No.	11998
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ref.	

Attention: A.G. McArthur

Dear Sirs: re Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association.

In reply to your letter of December 8th, I wish to state that I am unable to give you any information that would help you. Perhaps you or your agent in Victoria should make a search of the files in my office of the various Japanese Societies.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Hall

Deputy Registrar of Companies.

AHH/LZ

11998, 15731, 12196

December 8, 1948.

The Registrar of Companies,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: SKEENA JAPANESE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

An organization of the above name was operating in the vicinity of Prince Rupert, B. C., prior to the war. There was also a Japanese organization named No. 2 District Fisherman's Association which also operated in that area. We have advice from your Department that the No. 2 District Fisherman's Association was incorporated on January 22, 1940, and a Notice of Default was addressed to the Association's Hall, Port Essington, B. C. The Association Hall at Port Essington is registered in the name Canadian Japanese Association but the officers of the Canadian Japanese Association, which had its registered office at 329 Gore Avenue, Vancouver, state that the property in Port Essington does not belong to the Canadian Japanese Association. A Japanese, Kanematsu Nagami, now deceased, declared to the Custodian in 1942 that he was the Treasurer of the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association and that the Association owned one lot with Community Hall and dwelling in Port Essington. Would you please let us know whether you have any record of the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association or any similar name and if so, the particulars of incorporation.

In some cases that we have investigated we have found that the Japanese have changed the name of their organization one or more times and have not taken the trouble to re-register their property.

According to a letter from your department dated January 13, 1948, the Canadian Japanese Association was dissolved on March 28, 1940 and it is possible that either the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association or the No. 2 District Fishermen's Association took over the Port Essington Property.

Any help you can give us in distinguishing these associations from one another would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC

12196

December 7, 1948.

Mr. Junichi W. Kinoshita,
c/o Tregunno Farm,
R. R. #2,
St. Catherine, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

RE: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

We are informed by Mr. Kagetsu that the Canadian Japanese Association did not own the Community Hall at Port Essington although title to this property was registered in its name.

In Mr. Kanematsu Nagami's declaration to the Custodian on March 23, 1942, he stated that the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association owned one lot upon which there stands one hall and one three-roomed shack at Port Essington and that the title deeds are in the possession of the Japanese Association, Gore Avenue, Vancouver. Mr. Kagetsu removed the contents of the Canadian Japanese Association safe but made no mention of the Certificate of Title.

Would you please explain the situation relative to this property.

Yours truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

File 11998

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO OFFICERS OF THE
SKEENA JAPANESE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

File 808
KUNISABURO MIWA, who says he is the President of the Association, is a Naturalized Canadian, now 59 years of age. Prior to his evacuation this Japanese was a fisherman and lived at 131 First Avenue, Prince Rupert, in a rented house. His assets consisted of chattels and a fishing vessel. He was evacuated on September 17, 1942, to New Denver. His wife is Machi Miwa, Deceased. He has one adopted son, Komao, File 11003.

File 1066
See's
KANEMATSU NAGAMI, who stated in his declaration that he was the Accountant of the Association, was a Naturalized Canadian. He lived at Port Essington prior to his evacuation on April 24, 1942. He declared no assets of his own but declared War Savings Certificates in the name of the No. 2 District Fishermen's Association and bank accounts in the name of the Skeena Fishermen's Association. Kanematsu Nagami died on February 5, 1945 and is survived by his widow, Kura, in Japan and a son, Sei, File 6465, who returned to Japan on August 2, 1946.

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OF COMPANIES
VICTORIA

September 13, 1943.

R. G. Bell, Esq.,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: The #2 District Fishermen's
Assn. File 808

I have your letter of the 10th instant with reference to a notice sent to this association calling its attention to its default under the Societies Act. You request a list of the officers of the association at the date of its incorporation on the 22nd January, 1940 nothing having been filed since.

Sukeeman Arakawa <i>Sub 372</i>	Sunnyside Cannery, B. C.	Fisherman President
Kunisaburo Miwa <i>Sub 808</i>	Carlisle Cannery, B. C.	Fisherman Vice-President
Tomekichi Mio <i>Sub 808</i>	Carlisle Cannery, B. C.	Fisherman Treasurer
George Genzo Kitagawa <i>Sub 9353</i>	Prince Rupert, B. C.	Merchant Secretary

I am,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) W. L. Llewyn

Deputy Registrar of Companies.

WLL/GW

Original on File 808

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September 10, 1943.

Mr. H. G. Garrett,
Registrar of Companies,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: No. 2 District Fishermen's Association.
Your File 2577 (Soc.)

Your printed notice, 2577 (Soc.), dated August 10 and addressed to the No. 2 District Fishermen's Association, Association's Hall, Port Essington, B. C., has reached this office, in which the interests of Japanese evacuated from the protected areas of British Columbia is now vested.

Insofar as these interests are concerned, we would quote Article 51 of the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading With The Enemy (1939) which reads as follows:

"51. No property vested in the Custodian shall be forfeited for default in doing any act or making any payment in respect thereof, or attached, seized or taken under any legal process or any distress, or foreclosed, or sold under any mortgage, lien, pledge or charge, or sold for any tax or assessment. (P.C. 2512; R. 44 Am.)"

but would add that we shall be glad to co-operate with you in obtaining any information you may require, and if you will let us have a list of the officers of the above Association, we will check the records of those for whom we have files.

In your reply, please quote File No. 808, which is our file for Kunisaburo Miwa, Registration No. 10283, who was President of the Skeena River Japanese Fishermen's Association, Prince Rupert, which is possibly the same Association that you are interested in.

Yours very truly,,

R. G. Bell
Administration Department

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OFFICE OF
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES
VICTORIA, B. C.

August 10, 1943.

The No. 2 District Fishermen's Association,
Association's Hall,
Port Essington, B. C.

Sirs:

Pursuant to section 35 of the "Societies Act," I hereby notify you that you have failed for two consecutive years of more preceeding the dat of this letter to file with me certain returns, notices, or documents by the said Act required to be so filed, and that your are in default under the said Act.

If within one month no reply to this letter is received by me, or you fail to fulfil my lawful requirements, or notify me that you are not carrying on business or in operation a notice will, at the expiration of another fourteen days, be published in the Gazette, that at the expiration of two months from the date of that notice, you will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and will be dissolved. At the expiration of the said period of two months, cause to the contrary not being previously shown, you will be struck off the register, and notice to that effect will be published in the Gazette, and on such publication you will be DISSOLVED.

"The liability (if any) of every director, manager, officer, and member of the Society will continue, and may be enforced, as if you had not been struck off the register."

Early attention should be directed to this letter.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) H. G. Garrett.

Registrar of Companies.

Original on File 808

Final 5920-2
File No. 1193

Reg. No.

Date April 8, 1943

Name Skeenn Japanese Fishermen's Association

Account has been **CREDITED**
DEBITED as follows

Sale of Fishing Vessel "CANADA" 50.00

Less expenses 6.04

\$43.96

Additional Expenses .75

Balance \$43.21

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Custodian of Enemy Property