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Japanese Fishing Vessel  
Disposal Committee,  
1528 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Letter No.....

Dear Sirs,

Re Seized Japanese Fishing Boats

I am interested in coming to Vancouver for the purpose of taking over a boat and entering the fishing business. No doubt these boats vary in size but I would be interested in one of the smaller ones. Would it be possible for you to inform me how the prices range and on what terms sales are made. Does the full fishing equipment go with the boat? What crew and sailing qualifications are necessary? Is there any provision made for return of boat to present owner after the war is over or is the sale unconditional in that respect? Any information you may kindly supply regarding, duration of fishing season in the Pacific costal waters, docking facilities cost etc, would be very helpful and greatly appreciated.

Yours truly

*A.C. Ross*

EX-SERVICE MEN SERVED 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.