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January 5, 1942.

Major J. A. Motherwell,
Chief Supervisor of Fisheries,
Winch Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Major Motherwell:

In order that I may have same on record in this office, would you please be good enough to confirm our telephone conversation of even date, at which time you advised that you did not know of any representations having been made by the fishing industry with a view to having the Department of Fisheries reissue fishing licences to Japanese.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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DO NOT WRITE ABOUT MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT IN THE SAME LETTER

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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHIEF SUPERVISOR

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No 11-5-20

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERVISOR

WINCH BUILDING,

VANCOUVER, B.C., January 6, 1942.

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Dear Mr. Alexander,

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, I would advise that this office has no information as to any request being made by the fishing industry with a view to having the Department of Fisheries reissue fishing licenses to fishermen of Japanese origin.

Yours truly,

J. A. Motherwell,
CHIEF SUPERVISOR OF FISHERIES.

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G. J. Alexander, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner,
Provincial Fisheries Department,
Victoria, B. C.

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January 5, 1941.

Geo. R. Clark, Esq.,
Production Manager,
Canadian Fishing Co.,
Foot of Gore Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Please refer to our telephone conversation of even date, at which time I brought to your attention a rumor that the salmon canners were making representations to Ottawa to have the government instruct the Department of Fisheries to reissue fishing licences to Japanese. Your reply to my telephone request for information was to the effect that your company had made no such representations, nor was your company a party to any such representations.

I would appreciate it very much if you would write me a letter confirming this conversation in order that I may have same on record in our files.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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INCORPORATED APRIL 30TH, 1906

BANKERS:
THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE
VANCOUVER, CANADA

The Canadian Fishing Company Ltd.

PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF FRESH, FROZEN, SALT, AND CANNED FISH
ICE AND COLD STORAGE

FOOT OF GORE AVENUE
VANCOUVER, B.C.
CANADA

January 6, 1942.

Mr. George J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner,
Department of Fisheries,
Victoria, B. C.

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Dear Sir,

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 5th concerning rumours to the effect that the cannery operators were making representations to the Federal Government to issue fishing licences to persons of Japanese origin for the coming season.

As we understand the situation the Federal Government has not refused to issue licenses to these people. The practical effect, however, is that Japanese are not permitted to be on fishing vessels or packer boats - in fact, as you know, all boats owned or operated by Japanese have been immobilized.

Notwithstanding this, however, insofar as our Company is concerned, we have made no representations to any authority, either Federal or Provincial, to allow Japanese to engage in fishing, nor have we any intention of so doing under the existing national circumstances. We will be guided entirely by the policy respecting Japanese in this country determined by the Canadian Government.

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As confirmation of this we wish to quote extract from the 'Vancouver Sun' of January 3rd inserted by the Fisheries Institute of B. C. of which our Company is a member:-

> "It has been publicly alleged that certain fishery interests are planning to secure a re-issue of licenses to Japanese whose boats have been recently seized.
> The term 'certain fishery interests' is indefinite.

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Mr. George J. Alexander, January 6, 1942.

" In fairness to all engaged in fishing and related industries, the 'interests' in question should be more precisely identified.

"The members of this Institute, representing more than 90% of the fish production of British Columbia, have not requested that licenses be issued to Japanese, and are not in favour of relaxing any precaution deemed essential to safety by those carrying the heavy responsibility of national defense."

We trust that the foregoing is the confirmation you desire.

Yours very truly,

THE CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY LTD.

G. R. Clark.
Production Department.

GRC:JLF

January 5, 1941.

John Buchanan, Esq.,
General Manager,
British Columbia Packers, Limited,
Foot of Campbell Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

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Yours very truly,

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FOOT OF CAMPBELL AVE.
VANCOUVER.
CANADA

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January 6th, 1942.

Mr. George J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Mr. Alexander:-

I have your letter of January 5th and I hereby beg to confirm the statement made to you on the 'phone that our Company had made no representation, nor was party to any representation to Ottawa to have the Government instruct the Department of Fisheries to re-issue fishing licences to Japanese.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED.

Vice-President & General Manager.

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January 5, 1942.

Frank E. Payson, Esq.,
Secretary,
Salmon Canners' Operating Committee,
119 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Payson:

Would you please be good enough to write me confirming our telephone conversation of even date at which time you stated that the Salmon Canners' Operating Committee had not made any representations to Ottawa with a view to having the Federal Government reissue fishing licences to Japanese.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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SALMON CANNERS' OPERATING COMMITTEE
AND
PILCHARD AND HERRING REDUCTION OPERATORS

TELEPHONE: MARINE 2947

ROOM 520 SHELLY BUILDING
119 WEST PENDER STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIR MAIL

January 6, 1941.

George J. Alexander, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner,
Department of Fisheries,
Victoria, B. C.

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Dear Mr. Alexander:

Your letter of January 5th regarding the re-issuing of Japanese fishing licenses just received.

I wish to confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday to the effect that this committee has held no meetings regarding the re-issuing of Japanese fishing licenses and has made no representations to Ottawa on the subject.

Very truly yours,

Frank E. Payson Secretary.

SALMON CANNERS' OPERATING COMMITTEE.

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War Risk Rates on Ship Cargoes to Pacific Coast Ports via Panama Doubled; Atlantic Peril Secondary

By DON MASON

Japan's stab-in-the-back attack turned the Pacific into a war zone overnight, but I didn't expect it to turn the waters off our own coast into a zone that cargo insurance underwriters would consider more dangerous than the Atlantic.

But apparently that is just what has happened.

War risk rates on cargoes shipped from United Kingdom ports to America are set by the British government.

Today I learned that the war risk rate on such U. K. cargoes as are to be delivered at Pacific Coast ports via the Panama Canal has been doubled—advancing from 2½ to 5 percent.

That in itself is not surprising. Some increase was to be expected after war came to the Pacific.

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I understand it is still in good condition.

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BE CAREFUL

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MEDALS FOR B. C. MEN

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It said, in part: "Our position is that all the Japanese fishing boats should be tied up for the duration or turned over to white fishermen, and that all Japanese fishing licenses should be suspended."

W. T. Burgess of the UFFU told me that many white fishermen don't think the authorities have gone far enough in their handling of the Japanese menace on the British Columbia coast.

Despite the report that some Jap licenses will be renewed, I have been unable to find one person, in official or unofficial capacity, who believes that Ottawa would consider such a move.

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NO FIREBOAT

An enemy submarine has been bombed somewhere off the coast of this Pacific Northwest, and last week we had three days of blackout because military officials believed a Jap aircraft carrier was within striking distance.

All this has happened and we still have NO FIREBOAT TO PROTECT PORT OF VANCOUVER'S 98.2 MILES OF SHORELINE.

Last time the question came up Ottawa definitely stated that the fireboat is Vancouver City's responsibility.

But that doesn't matter now. The point is we need fireboat protection. Building one would take some time, but a powerful tugboat fitted out with fireboat equipment would be a big help.

The equipment is available, too . . . stored at Lapointe Pier.

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MEMORANDUM

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BUILDINGS.

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December 30, 1941.

Hon. Geo. S. Pearson,
Minister of Fisheries,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Pearson:

I understand that from the plethora of cabinet shuffles which has taken place during the past two months, that you have emerged again with the portfolio of Fisheries and it is in your capacity of Minister of that department that I wish to make some observations and recommendations.

I note with no little concern that the canneries are much concerned over as to whether or not the Japs are to get renewals of their fishery licences in view of the changed relations during the past year, and may I say right here it is high time that the people are given consideration along with the vested interests. If we cannot survive excepting by the grace of our enemies then we should perish.

May I ask you to recall that when you narrowed our boundaries, and put into effect the week-end closed season, etc. the reason assigned for so doing, was that, that there were too many boats operating in those areas; I say "when you did this" I am assuming of course that you would be consulted by Ottawa before such drastic regulations would be made and therefore consented to it. If then, there were too many boats, now is an opportune time to thin them out and give our own men, the white fisherman, his break; if under normal circumstances, these white men cannot supply the trade, then in all fairness move the boundaries back to where the fish are, and open up the close season; there will only be sufficient fish caught in any event which the market can absorb or what the people require and that seems to be the chief concern.

If there is still a shortage of salmon, allow the seiners to drift in the mouths of the rivers, they will get all the fish you require. In this manner you will be setting up a lot of independent fishermen and not having them under the heel of the cannery men; they would own their own boats and equipment which is as it should be and not under obligations to the vested interests.

It was not so long ago that you did not approve of issuing any more cannery licences; you insisted that there were canneries enough to take care of all the fish and that no more licences should be issued; this is a good old tory policy and foreign to liberal minds and thought, but here is an opportunity to get back on the right track. Under no circumstances renew the licences to the Japs and thereby throw the fishing into the hands of the our own people where it properly belongs, and allow them to make a reasonable living and own their own equipment.

If, on the other hand, your mind is made up, then in all fiarness, I suggest that in view of the fact that the Legislature will meet very shortly, this matter might well be made the subject of debate and have all angles discussed before a decision is made.

I certainly intend to make an issue of it and I hope that you have at least an open mind on the subject until such time as the members have had an opportunity of expressing themselves on such a momentus question.

We have been pillored to death on account of allowing these Japs to penetrate and infiltrate into our commercial life and the excuse has always been made that our relations, diplomatic, with Japan have been of such a fine nature that we could not endanger them by moving in the matter; this was all tommy-rot, as subsequent developments have proven; and now is the opportune time to clarify the situation for all time and give the people of this province the much needed redress that they need. I am not concerned with Ottawa's attitude whatever; they do not have this competition and problem to contend with; if ~~th~~ are worthy to be called a government, it will be demonstrated and proven by the manner in which we handle this Jap situation and I am unalterably opposed to giving them any consideration regardless of where they were born or why they were born.

I trust that I may have an early reply to this letter and would suggest, that in view of the fact that I shall be leaving in a few days for the south, that you direct your reply to me in care of the Georgia Hotel at Vancouver with instructions to hold for arrival.

I am,

Yours very truly,

E. T. KENNEY.

COPY OF LETTER TO EDITOR APPEARING IN VANCOUVER DAILY PROVINCE, JANUARY 5, 1942.

JAPANESE FISHING LICENSES.

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FISHERIES INSTITUTE.

PHONE: MARINE 3738

E. S. WOODWARD, SUPERVISOR

FISHERIES INSTITUTE OF B.C.

106 PACIFIC COAST FIRE BUILDING
325 HOWE STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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January 6, 1942.

George J. Alexander, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I should appreciate any publicity which you may be able to give to the enclosed official statement. Such publicity might well give the names of the Directors of the Institute as follows:

Mr. J.M.Buchanan of British Columbia Packers Ltd.
Mr. J.S.Eckman of Canadian Fishing Company Ltd.
Mr. R.Bell-Irving of Anglo-B.C.Packing Company Ltd.
Mr. W.C.Todd of J.H.Todd & Sons Ltd.
Mr. R.Nelson of Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.
Mr. S.M.Rosenberg of Nootka-Banfield Company Ltd.

I prefer that the name of the Supervisor should be omitted.

My personal regards and best wishes for 1942.

Yours very faithfully,

E.S.Woodward

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January 6, 1942.

George J. Alexander, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are asked to reply to your inquiry, by 'phone to Mr. J. M. Buchanan, as to the attitude of the leading fish packing companies to the subject of Japanese fishing licenses. The Institute companies - consisting of British Columbia Packers Ltd., Canadian Fishing Company Ltd., Anglo-B. C. Packing Company Ltd., J. H. Todd & Sons Ltd., Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. and Nootka-Banfield Company Ltd., and representing some 93.5% of all fish processed in the canneries and reduction plants of British Columbia - have the honor to inform you that they have not made any representations to anyone in favor of re-issuing fish licenses to Japanese, and have consistently co-operated with the authorities in all steps deemed by them necessary to public security and national defence.

Yours very truly,

FISHERIES INSTITUTE OF B.C.

Per ..... SUPERVISOR

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January 9, 1942.

E. S. Woodward, Esq.,
Fisheries Institute of B. C.,
106 Pacific Coast Fire Bldg.,
325 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Further to your letter of January 6th and enclosure, you probably have seen the Canadian Press dispatch appearing in the two Vancouver papers under date of January 8th, in connection with the statement contained in your letter. I may say that a similar press report appeared in both of the Victoria dailies.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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106 PACIFIC COAST FIRE BUILDING
325 HOWE STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

January 10, 1942.

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George J. Alexander, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner,
Provincial Department of Fisheries,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Please accept my warm thanks for your effective co-operation in putting the quietus on the false reports originating with Mr. Alan Chambers concerning the attitude of the large packers to the Oriental license question.

There was one error in the Canadian press dispatch which was more likely theirs than yours. It stated that the Fisheries Institute represents 93.5% of fish canners and packers handling salmon and other processed fish. The fact is that it represents fish canners and packers handling 93.5% of the processed fish. The Institute has only six members. There are more canners outside than inside the organization. But the six members represent upwards of 90% of the pack.

The above error would not be noticed by the large majority of readers and is therefore unworthy of public correction. But it might be challenged by the smaller packers, who serve with our members on the Salmon Canners' Operating Committee.

Yours very truly,

E.S.Woodward

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SEATTLE ADDRESS
807 Lowman Building
Phone SEneca 6959

ALASKA ADDRESS
Kukak Bay, Alaska

MAINLAND FISHERIES, INC.

PACKERS OF
SALMON - CLAMS - CRABS
SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

December 8, 1948

Provincial Fisheries Department
Parliament Building
Victoria, B. C.

8142

Gentlemen:

We are looking for small shallow draft purse seiner boats which can principally fish in bays, and fairly quiet waters, and which can carry from two to four, or more, thousand fish.

A friend of ours, here in Seattle, suggested that we write to you and inquire as to the whereabouts and availability of the Japanese purse seine boats which your Government took over after commencement of hostilities. From the description given to us of these boats, we beleive that these are just the kind that we are looking for.

Would you kindly advise us if a few boats of this seine fleet is now available, and to whom we should address ourselves to for inspection, and for arrangements of purchase or lease. Your information will be deeply appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Mainland Fisheries, Incorp.

By: Walter Fuhrer

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December 10, 1948.

Mainland Fisheries Inc.,
807 Lowman Building,
Seattle 4, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter of December 8th, requesting information on shallow draft purse-seine boats, particularly those which were confiscated from the Japanese fishing fleet in the early days of the war, this is to advise that, while the Government did confiscate the Japanese fishing vessels, the owners were given the opportunity to dispose of same through the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee. I may say that the vessels were impounded late in the fall of the year and by the following spring all vessels had been disposed of either to white fishermen or to various brannhes of the services.

None of these vessels are presently available.

Yours very truly,

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Geo. J. Alexander,
Deputy Minister.

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Winnipeg, Man.
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Department of Fisheries,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear sirs;

I would like some information about the Japanese fishing boats confiscated by the government. I want to buy one of those boats for fishing along the coast.

Kindly give me the necessary information on how to procure one of these boats and the price list.

Yours truly,

A. G. Schellenberg.

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January 16, 1945.

A. G. Shellenbarg, Esq.,
170 Furby St.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of January 14th, I have to advise that this Department had nothing to do with the sale of Japanese fishing boats which were confiscated by the Federal Government. A committee known as the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee was set up by the Federal Government shortly after the boats were confiscated and was authorized to arrange for the disposal of these vessels. It is my understanding that all Japanese fishing vessels have since been disposed of. However, to assure yourself that such is the case you may care to write to the Chairman, Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee, 1528 Marine Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.

Yours very tfuly,

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Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner

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1422-15th Street West,
Prince Albert, Sask.
October 25th, 1944

G.J.Alexander, Esq.
Assistant Commissioner,
Department of Fisheries,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Alexander:-

Thank you very kindly for your letter of October 21st and for the booklets you forwarded to me. I am very grateful to you,indeed,for them for they have provided me with very valuable information concerning the fishing industry in your Province, particularly the one written by yourself entitled "Commercial Salmon Fishing in British Columbia".

I have heard through unofficial sources that when the Japanese were interned in the interior of British Columbia that their fishing boats were confiscated by the British Columbia government and that they were in turn sold or rented by the government to anyone anxious to become engaged in the industry. I am keenly interested in making fishing my occupation but being somewhat inexperienced in the business I am wondering if you would please be good enough to write me stating whether the above is correct and, if so, how I would go about purchasing a boat and where I can find out the prices of them.

I understand quite well that possibly it is not your duty to give out the information I am seeking and, while I do not wish to burden you with answering a lot of questions it would be very much appreciated if, when replying, you would let me know the prevailing price per Pound being paid to fishermen for the different species of salmon and any other commercially marketed fish so that I will be in a position to decide whether the business would be entertaining from a monetary point of view.

If a favourable reply is received from you and, should the opportunity present itself, if I come to Victoria, I would like to pay you a visit so that I may go into everything more fully with you.

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Thanking you for past favours, I am ,

Yours very truly,

L. Gillingham

GJA:GC

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

October 30, 1944.

L. Gillingham, Esq.,
1422-15th Street, West,
Prince Albert, Sask.

Dear Sir:

Further to your letter of October 25th, wherein you inquire as to the possibility of purchasing a fishing vessel formerly owned by Japanese, this is to advise that shortly after the outbreak of the Japanese war in the Pacific, the Government, for security reasons, impounded all of the fishing vessels owned by Japanese on this coast. These vessels were later turned over to a committee known as the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee. It was the duty of the Committee to bring together prospective purchasers and owners of vessels. The Committee, I believe, did not have the authority to set prices or sell vessels except as arranged through the owner. Apart from a few of the larger vessels which were taken over by the navy, all former Japanese fishing boats have now been disposed of. Practically the whole Japanese fishing fleet was back in the industry fishing the following year.

At the present time there are three ways in which you might procure a fishing vessel on this coast, namely, by private purchase from the owner who may, for various reasons, wish to sell; by purchase through either one of the boat exchanges which operate similar to a real estate exchange; or you might have one built to your own specifications

Before investing any money, however, I would again urge that you first of all obtain some practical experience in the business, possibly by working in some branch of the fisheries for a season.

Yours very truly,

GJA:GC

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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Bureau of Fisheries: 734

Dear Sirs. I would like to inquire about a fishing boat. to be used for trolling or halibut fishing. length from 36' to 40'. double end preferred. if this is not the right dept. to write to. would you please let me know where to write to. I understand that there some jap boats there. I wont be able to get there until after the middle of Nov. let me know what you have and what price. Thank you. in advance I remain yours truely

Les F. Uehlein Jr
R.M.A. Box 780
Seattle
U.S.A. Wash.

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July 24, 1944.

L. F. Uehlein, G.F.A. Co.,
P.M. A.P.O. 980,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This will serve to acknowledge your letter of July 14th, inquiring about a fishing boat to be used for trolling or halibut fishing. This is to advise that all of the fishing vessels owned by Japanese and impounded by the Dominion Government at the outbreak of the war have now been disposed of. A committee, the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee, was set up to dispose of these boats but I believe it has now been disbanded. You could however, communicate with the secretary, Mr. McMaster, Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee, Marine Building, Vancouver, B. C., who may be able to give you further information on the matter.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

GJA:GC

July 24, 1944.

L. F. Uehleim, G.F.A. Co.,
P.M.A. P.O. 980,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of July 14th regarding

F. Uehlein J.F.A. Co.
P.M. a P.O. 980
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Toronto, Ont.,
June 30th, 1942.

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Department of Fisheries,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

I would be pleased if you would let me have the following information.

I understand that in British Columbia there have been seized by the Government a number of Japanese Fishing Schooners; may one of these be purchased or rented, and, if so, at what price?

Is there year-round fishing, or is it seasonal? If seasonal you might advise me as to the same. I also wish information as to the sale or disposal of fish, e.g. is there a ready market, etc.?

Is the above under Provincial or Dominion supervision? You might direct me to the proper parties with whom to negotiate.

Trusting the above does not intrude too much upon your courtesy, and awaiting to hear from you at your early convenience, I am,

Yours very truly,

N. G. Robinson

P.S. Duplicate of this was sent to you dated the 29th inst., but I believe the same was not signed.

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484 Strathmore Blvd.,
Toronto, Ont.,
June 29th, 1942.

Department of Fisheries,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

I would be pleased if you would be good enough to let me have the following information.

I understand that in British Columbia there have been seized by the Government a number of Japanese Fishing Schooners; may one of these be purchased or rented; and, if so, at what price?

Is there year-round fishing, or is it seasonal? If seasonal would you kindly advise me as to the same. Also, I wish information as to the sale or disposal of fish, e.g. is there a ready market, etc.?

Is the above under Provincial or Dominion supervision? You might direct me to the proper parties with whom to negotiate.

Trusting the above will not intrude too much upon your courtesy, and awaiting to hear from you at your early convenience, I am,

Yours very truly,

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July 7, 1942.

Mr. N. G. Robinson,
404 Strathmore Blvd.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 30th, inquiring regarding Japanese fishing vessels impounded by the Federal Government, I have to advise that a committee was set up to handle the disposal of these boats and full information regarding the purchase of one of these boats may be obtained by communicating with Mr. McMaster, Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee, 1528 Marine Building, Vancouver, B. C.

I am also enclosing a copy of a booklet entitled "Commercial Salmon Fisheries of British Columbia", which will answer your questions regarding commercial fishing in British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

GJA:GC

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MEMORANDUM

TO Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries,

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FROM THE OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES

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VICTORIA, B.C. February 7, 1942

In accordance with our conversation of recent date you are hereby advised that, due to present existing conditions, you will not issue or cause to be issued any further licences to persons of Japanese origin.

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Geo. S. Pearson
COMMISSIONER.

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COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES,

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I am attaching hereto for your signature, memorandum instructing the Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries that no further licences are to be issued by the Fisheries Department to persons of Japanese origin.

Respectfully submittdd,

GJA:GC

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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January 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM

Mr. J. Mouat, M.L.A.,
BUILDINGS.

This will serve to confirm our telephone coversation of even date, wherein I advised of a Canadian Press dispatch from Ottawa to the effect that the Federal Government had set up a Committee to arrange for the charter or purchase of Japanese fishing boats, the said committee to compose of Mr. Justice Sidney Smith, Commander B. L. Johnson and Mr. K. Kimura.

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Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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813 Wellington Street
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Provincial Buildings.
Victoria,
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Dear Sirs;

I have heard that they rent or sell the fishing boats that the government have confiscated from the interned Japanese.

If this is so is it possible for any one person to obtain information or forms to fill and regarding any such items.

We are very much interested as due to health we have been advised to live near the salt water.

So if it is convenient would you please forward the information obtainable to the above address.

Thanking You.
Miss Edith Gilmore.

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April 9, 1945.

Mrs. Edith Gilmore,
813 Wellington Street,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Sir:

This will serve to acknowledge your letter of April 3rd, wherein you inquire in respect to fishing boats which were formerly owned by Japanese and which were confiscated by the Government. This is to advise that these boats were turned over to a committee for disposal and it is my understanding that all the vessels have long since been sold. However, if you care to write direct to the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee, 1528 Marine Building, Vancouver, B. C., you may obtain further information on this matter.

Yours very truly,

GJA:GC

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERVISOR

WINCH BUILDING,

VANCOUVER, B.C., January 16, 1942

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHIEF SUPERVISOR

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No 11-5-20

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Dear Mr. Alexander,

As requested by you yesterday, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith the following:-

1. Copy of Order-in-Council of the 13th instant, P.C. 251, regarding fishermen of Japanese origin.

2. Copy of telegram under today's date, also in connection with the above matter.

Yours truly,

J. A. Motherwell,
Chief Supervisor of Fisheries.

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G. J. Alexander, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner,
Provincial Fisheries Dept.,
Victoria, B. C.

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(1) To make such arrangements as will make it possible for the present owners of the detained vessels to freely negotiate

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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that by Order in Council of the 13th day of January, 1942, P.C. 251, adopted under the authority of the War Measures Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, for reasons of national defence and security during the period of the war, no fishing licenses authorizing fishing in or off British Columbia, as contemplated by the Fisheries Act, Chapter 42, 22-23, George V, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, shall be issued to persons of Japanese racial origin; and also, no such persons shall be permitted to serve on fishing vessels.

D. B. FINN,
Deputy Minister.

Ottawa, January 15th, 1942.

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CHIEF SUPERVISOR OF FISHERIES VANCOUVER BC

WORDING OF ORDER IN COUNCIL IS SUBSTANTIALLY AS GIVEN YESTERDAYS WIRE COPIES AIR MAILED YOU LAST NIGHT STOP WOULD NOT APPEAR APPLICABLE COLLECTING BOATS AND COMPLEMENTARY ACTION BY PROVINCE WOULD SEEM NECESSARY STOP UNDERSTAND HONOURABLE MISTER PEARSON HAS THIS IN MIND.

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January 17, 1942.

Major J. A. Motherwell,
Chief Supervisor of Fisheries,
Winch Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Major Motherwell:

This will serve to acknowledge with thanks your letter of January 16th, your file 11-5-20, together with

(1) Copy of Order-in-Council No. P.C. 251, dated January 13, 1942, regarding fishermen of Japanese origin, and

(2) Copy of telegram under date of January 16th in connection with the same matter

I wish to thank you for securing this information for me and wish to advise that the matter as it affects this Department will be placed before the Commissionerof Fisheries immediately upon his return from Ottawa.

I will keep you advised.

Yours very truly,

GJA:GC

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

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IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. 11-5-20

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERVISOR

WINCH BUILDING,

VANCOUVER, B.C., January 19, 1942.

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith please find copy of Order in Council No. P.C. 288, covering the appointment of a Committee for the purpose of dealing with the disposal of the fishing boats recently seized from fishermen of Japanese origin.

Yours truly,

J. A. Motherwell,
CHIEF SUPERVISOR OF FISHERIES.

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Certified to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 13th January, 1942

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 13th January, 1942, from the Minister of Fisheries, representing that the defence and security of Canada has made necessary the immobilization of fishing vessels owned by people of Japanese origin and operated in British Columbia waters;

That some 1,100 boats and their equipment, having a value of between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000, are involved, of which about 950 are impounded near New Westminster and the remainder at Prince Rupert and other ports;

That the owners of these vessels, though being of Japanese origin, are Canadian citizens whose productive power, by virtue of this ownership, contributed significantly to the fishing industry;

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;

That it is, therefore, deemed desirable to implement the release of these Japanese Canadian fishing vessels in accordance with the above considerations; and

That such a purpose could best be accomplished by the establishment of a committee to consist of three persons, with a jurist to act as chairman, another to be appointed from the Department of National Defence (Naval Services), and the third to be chosen to represent the Japanese Canadian owners.

The Minister, therefore, with the concurrence of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, recommends that, under the authority of the War Measures Act,-

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Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of
British Columbia, Vancouver, B. C.

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Vancouver, B. C.

and

Kishizo Kimura,
Vancouver, B. C.

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(2)....

January 21, 1942.

Major J. A. Motherwell,
Chief Supervisor of Fisheries,
Winch Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Major Motherwell:

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Your courtesy is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

GJA:GC

MEMORANDUM

Geo. J. Alexander, Esq.,

Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries,

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FROM THE OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES

VICTORIA, B.C. January 23rd, 1942.

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Attached please find copies of Orders in Council P.C. 251 and 288, received from Ottawa in connection with fishing licences to Japanese, also the Committee formed to supervise the disposal of fishing boats impounded in British Columbia, for your information.

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the Minister of Fisheries,

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(2) Where necessary, to arbitrate disagreements on price between owners and intending purchasers with a view to preventing advantage being taken of duress.

(3) To report on claims which may be made on the government for damage to, or deterioration of, the vessels and equipment while under detention.

(4) To report on claims which may be made on the government for the returning of the detained vessels from their present storage place to places where they were picked up.

(5) By consultation with the Department of Fisheries, to determine which of the detained vessels shall first come under the arrangements to be put back into production.

(6) To report on steps that should be taken to dispose of vessels which the present owners are unable to sell, charter, lease, or otherwise transfer.

That the committee be authorized to employ stenographic and other assistance and to incur such other expenses as they find necessary to facilitate the fulfilment of their function as outlined above, with actual travelling and living expenses as may be approved by the Minister of Fisheries;

That the committee, which shall act without remuneration, be paid travelling and living expenses while away from their place of residence on the work of the committee where these are not already provided for, and

October 11, 1945.

T. B. Pickersgill, Esq.,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
B. C. Security Commission,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please be good enough to supply this Department with three copies of Order No. 2 of the Commissioner of Japanese Placement, which deals with the prohibition of fishing by Japanese in British Columbia coastal or inland waters. It is our understanding that this order replaces your Order No. 25 of the former B. C. Security Commission.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Yours very truly,

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

GJA:GC

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

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15th October 1945.

Mr. G.J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner,
Provincial Fisheries Department,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of October 11th, I have pleasure in enclosing three copies of Order No. 2 of the Japanese Division, Department of Labour, which replaced Order No. 25 of the British Columbia Security Commission.

Yours very truly,

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner of
Japanese Placement.

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Made at Ottawa, Ontario, this 19th day of February, A.D. 1944.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Order made under P.C. 946 of February 5, 1943.

Under the powers given to the Minister of Labour by Order-in-Council P.C. 946 of February 5th, 1943, the Minister of Labour, on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Japanese Placement, hereby orders as follows, effective as of this 19th day of February, A.D. 1944.

A. All orders made by the British Columbia Security Commission pursuant to Orders-in-Council P.C. 1665 and 1666 of March 4th, 1942, are hereby revoked.

B. The following orders are hereby made:

ORDER NUMBER TWO (New Series)

No person of the Japanese race shall fish for or take fish by any means whatsoever from any Pacific coastal waters of Canada or any inland waters in the Province of British Columbia without first having obtained a written permit therefor from the Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

ORDER NUMBER THREE (New Series)

No person of the Japanese race within the Province of British Columbia shall communicate with any person by means of long distance telephone without first having obtained the consent thereto from the Commissioner of Japanese Placement or an officer of the Department of Labour working under the direction of the Commissioner of Japanese Placement or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Force or the British Columbia Provincial Police Force.

Made at Ottawa, Ontario, this 19th day of February, A.D. 1944.

RECOMMENDED:

(sg'd) A. MacNamara
Deputy Minister of Labour

APPROVED:

(sg'd) Humphrey Mitchell
Minister of Labour

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October 16, 1945.

T. B. Pickersgill, Esq.,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour (Japanese Division)
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of October 15th enclosing three copies of Order No. 2 of the Japanese Division, Department of Labour, which replaced Order #25 of the B.C. Security Commission.

Your prompt attention is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

GJA:GC

Geo. J. Alexander,
Assistant Commissioner.

That the cost of the committee be charged against the War Appropriation.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and submit the same for approval

(sgd) A.D.P. Heeney,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

P. C. 251

AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

TUESDAY, THE 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 1942.

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

WHEREAS the Minister of Fisheries reports that the conference convened at Ottawa on January 8th, 1942, under the chairmanship of the Honourable Ian Mackenzie, Minister of Pensions and National Health to consider questions concerned with Canadian Japanese and Japanese Nationals in British Columbia, has recommended that during the period of war, for reasons of National Defence and security, the Canadian Government should take steps to prohibit all persons of Japanese racial origin from fishing or serving on fishing vessels off the coast of British Columbia.

AND WHEREAS the Minister further reports that while under the Fisheries Act, Chapter 42, 22-23, Georve V, authority is vested in the Minister of Fisheries whereby he may, in his absolute discretion, issue or authorize to be issued licences for fisheries and/or fishing wheresoever situate or carried on, in the extraordinary circumstances governing the above recommendation, it is deemed desirable that action to discontinue the licensing of all persons of Japanese racial origin in fishing activities in British Columbia should be supported by the authority of the War Measures Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Fisheries, under the authority of the War Measures Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, and for reasons of National Defence and security during the period of the war, is pleased to order and doth hereby order that no fishing licenses authorizing fishing in or off British Columbia, as contemplated by the Fisheries Act, Chapter 42, 22-23, George V, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, shall be issued to persons of Japanese racial origin; and also, that no such persons shall be permitted to serve on fishing vessels.

(sgd) A.D.P. Heeney,
Clerk of the Privy Council

The Honourable,
The Minister of Fisheries.