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Mr. H. G. Perry, M.L.A.,
Legislative Assembly,
Buildings.

Dear Mr. Perry:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 20th, with enclosures.

It was decided this year not to issue any licenses for the packing of salt salmon. This business had been carried on with Japanese interests. It was brought to the attention of the Fisheries Department that attempt would be made to circumvent the action of the Department in not issuing saltery licenses by shipping the fish to the United States and there having it salted.

In order to circumvent this move, Ottawa at our request put a ban on the export of chum salmon until the end of the year.

As usual, no matter what action may be taken, there are those who try to take advantage of the situation.

Very faithfully yours,

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA

November 20, 1939.

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The Honourable T.D. Pattullo,
Premier,
BUILDINGS.

Dear Mr. Premier:

I enclose a letter from G. W. Nickerson who occasionally writes me complaining of something or other.

This matter of fish ban, I know nothing about and would like your view.

Yours very truly,

H. G. Perry.

P. S. I enclose copy of my reply to Nickerson.

HGP:MH
Encls.

November 20, 1939.

G. W. Nickerson, Esq.,
Prince Rupert, C. C.

Dear George:

I have your letters of 8th and 9th and know nothing of any Act such as you mentioned and believe you should take the matter up direct with the Premier, member for your District.

I am making some inquiries as to whether the ban was put on as an Order-in-Council. It is not a subject with which I am familiar.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

HGP:MH

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Prince Rupert, B.C.,
November 9th, 1939.

H. G. Perry, M. L. A.,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Perry:-

In writing you, I overlooked one very un-Liberal Act of your Government, during the last month; namely, inducing Ottawa to put a ban on the export of Chum Salmon, salted or fresh to other than Empire countries, leaving canned and frozen in the clear.

If you read this in the press, you would have observed that the loss to the fishermen was about 15¢ per fish, somewhere around 100%.

For a number of years, Ottawa had a ban on the export of Sockeye. Eventually, the fishermen got this removed. While I am all for conserving our resources for the British Empire, at the same time, I think they should be prepared to pay a reasonable price; therefore, if an embargo were necessary, there should have been a clause therein stipulating that it was only in effect as long as the buyers were prepared to pay as much as the fishermen could obtain by shipping their product to the United States.

Under the present set-up, it looks as though this fellow Alexander again moved to protect his cannery friends.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Nickerson.

GWN/A.

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1 9 3 9
Oct. 19th

MEMO TO MR. P. WALKER,

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY:

In reply to yours of October 18th, enclosing copy of letter from the Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, with which is enclosed a copy of communication from the Japanese Charge d'Affaires to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, having reference to the non-issue this year of licenses for the dry salting of salmon, I may say that our Government decided not to issue any licenses this year in the interests of conservation for Empire purposes.

This decision was made before any representations were received from the Japanese Consul at Vancouver.

Most careful consideration had been given to the matter before conclusion was reached, and our Government has seen no argument adduced which should alter its decision.

I do not agree with the statement of the Charge d'Affaires that this action might result in a break in the commercial relations between our two countries.

I would point out that the herring licenses, in which the Japanese participate, have issued as usual.

The correspondence you forwarded is returned herewith.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE HON. THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
OR TO
THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

THE GOVERNMENT OF
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October 18, 1939

MEMORANDUM for the Hon. T.D. Pattullo, Prime Minister

I enclose herewith a letter from the Lieutenant-Governor's office, with enclosure relating to the recent prohibition on the export of salt salmon, and I shall be obliged if, in due course, you will advise me of the nature of the reply to be sent.

G. Walker
Deputy Provincial Secretary

PW/DB
Encl.

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Oct. 4th

Mr. Kenji Nakauchi,
Consul of Japan,
355 Burrard St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Consul:

I have your letter of September 28th, to which most careful consideration has been given.

Our decision not to grant licenses for the salting of salmon this year was not made until we had received recommendations from the Salt Fish Marketing Board that salt salmon licenses be not issued this year, and also from the Salmon Canners the recommendation that salt salmon licenses be not issued this year.

The Salt Fish Marketing Board is composed of two persons representing the Japanese salt fish operators and two persons representing the white salt fish operators, with a chairman chosen by the four. The reason for their recommendation, of course, was that at that time they were doubtful whether the Japanese Government was prepared to provide exchange this year for the purchase of salt fish in British Columbia. Latterly the Japanese Government did provide exchange, and consequently their position then changed.

The Canned Salmon operators argue that there is a definite shortage of salmon this year, with a very great increased demand from Empire markets, due to war conditions, and they urge that all the salmon that can be caught should be put into cans for use by the Empire and its Allies during the present war period.

I think it is hardly necessary to point out to you that this argument has a very great appeal to us at the present time, and we feel justified in

retaining this product for the use of our Empire requirements. We appreciate very much the market that we have enjoyed in the past in the Orient for salt fish, but during the past seven or eight years it has been a very uncertain one, both from uncertainty of Japanese exchange being available, and almost constant shrinkage.

I beg to remain,

Very faithfully yours,

October 4th, 1939.

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FOR HONOURABLE THE PREMIER.

Suggestions for reply to letter from the Consul of Japan.

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(From Commr. of Fisheries)

October 28, 1975.

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COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA

September 30th, 1939.

MEMORANDUM TO

B. HETHEY, ESQ.,

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE HON. THE PREMIER.

In the absence of the Commissioner, I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Premier's memorandum of the 29th instant, enclosing letter from the Japanese Consul at Vancouver, regarding the sale of Dry Salt Salmon to Japan.

This will be placed before the Commissioner upon his return to the office next week.

Dorothy Spurr.

DS/HMA

SECRETARY

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Sept. 29th

MEMORANDUM TO HON. C. S. PEARSON,
COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES:

Enclosed is copy of letter received from the Japanese Consul at Vancouver with regard to sale of dry salt salmon to Japan.

I shall be glad to have your comments thereon.

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His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Consulate

VANCOUVER, B. C.

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PREMIER'S OFFICE

September 28, 1939.

Dear Premier Pattullo,

May I express my great appreciation of the opportunity which I had of meeting you yesterday and of discussing matters of common interest. As a new-comer to the Province of British Columbia I must say that I am very much impressed indeed with the potentialities of the Province, and with the progress which it has made within the short time since it came into being.

I hope that for the future I may have an opportunity of discussing with you further matters which arise as affecting the subjects of my Country residing here to the end that the cordial relations which have heretofore existed may be continued. I know that with your co-operation the problems which arise as affecting the two peoples will reach a happy solution.

In view of the Canadian participation in the present war--which I am sure all of us hope will soon be terminated--the position of the Japanese in Canada will doubtless present further problems for consideration.

May I at this time assure you of my anxiety to do my utmost to help you in dealing with them in any manner in which you think that I can be of assistance?

While I was in Victoria, I had the pleasure of meeting the Honourable George S. Pearson, the Commissioner of Fisheries, and there was mentioned at that time between us the matter of the decision reached by your Government that dry salt salmon licences would not be issued this year. With regard to those among the licensees themselves who happen to be Japanese, I have no direct interest, as they are not citizens of my Country. However, an aspect of the matter with which I am required by my home office to deal is that as affecting the international trade between Canada and Japan.

As you know, an amount in the sum of approximately $168,000.00 came to Canada from Japan last season as a result of the trade in dry salt salmon. Exchange releases have been provided by my Government to the end that a similar amount may be available this season for purchase of the commodity. We are, naturally, most anxious that this trade shall continue. As you know, once a channel of trade is lost it is extremely difficult to re-establish it. The purchaser in his necessity is forced to go elsewhere for the product, or to provide some substitute.

I am anxious that the efforts which have been extended for a number of years, both in this Country and in my Country, in establishing this trade on a sound and stable basis shall not be lost for all time. Is there not some way you can suggest whereby Japan may be provided with the dry salt salmon and your Province receive the benefit accruing from the sales? Could not the end which you seek be reached by providing that the quantity of dry salt salmon produced last year and exported be reduced? I understand that the indications are that there is an unusually good run of fish in the waters of this Province at this time. Possibly the needs of the Empire markets for canned salmon would permit of the export to Japan of the lesser quantity.

I am most anxious to assist you in the carrying out of your policies and to see that nothing whatever is done which may in any way militate against their success. I know that you will understand this, and will give this matter reasonable and proper consideration.

I would appreciate it if you could let me have an answer to this letter at your early convenience.

Yours very truly,

Kenji Nakauchi

Consul of Japan.

The Honourable T. D. Pattullo, K.C.,
Premier, Province of British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

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Oct. 23rd

Honourable J. E. Michaud,
Minister of Fisheries,
OTTAWA, ONT.

Sir:

In the absence of Honourable Premier Pattullo I beg to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of October 16th, with which was enclosed copy of Order in Council P.C. 2997 with regard to prohibition of export from Canada of chum salmon. This will be placed before the Premier on his return to the office.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

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PREMIER'S OFFICE

October 16, 1939.

My dear Premier:

I beg to send you, enclosed, copy of Order in Council P.C. 2997 with regard to prohibition of export from Canada of chum salmon.

Yours very truly,

J. Michaud

Enclosure

Honourable T. D. Pattullo,
Premier,
Province of British Columbia,
VICTORIA, B.C.

P.C. 2997

AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

THURSDAY, the 5th day of OCTOBER, 1939

PRESENT:

1939
Oct. 16th

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

WHEREAS the Minister of Fisheries reports that the Government of the Province of British Columbia has, owing to war conditions and with a view to conserving food supplies for use within the British Empire, refused to license the processing of salmon in dry salted form for the current season;

THAT salmon processed by such method of curing is not utilized within the British Empire;

THAT it has now been represented that considerable quantities of chum salmon, ordinarily used for dry salting purposes, caught by British Columbia fishermen, are being exported from Canada in a fresh state for processing elsewhere; and

THAT to prevent circumvention of the action taken by it, the Government of the Province of British Columbia has requested that the export of such fresh salmon should not be permitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, with a view to meeting the above request, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Fisheries and under and by virtue of the War Measures Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, is pleased to order that for the current season, to and including December 31st, 1939, the export from the Dominion of Canada of chum salmon in a fresh state be and it is hereby prohibited.

(Signed) H. W. Lothrop

Asst. Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Minister of Fisheries.

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1 9 3 9
Oct. 16th

Mr. J. J. Cowie,
Acting Deputy Minister of Fisheries,
O t t a w a, O n t.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by Honourable Premier Pattullo to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of October 10th, enclosing copy of Order-in-Council, prohibiting export from Canada of chum salmon in fresh state.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
CANADA
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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

October 10th, 1939.

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PREMIER'S OFFICE

Dear Sir:

I desire to confirm my telegram to you of today as follows:

> "In the absence of Minister and with reference to your telegram twenty ninth ultimo I wish to advise that Order in Council has been passed under War Measures Act prohibiting export from Canada of chum salmon in fresh state for current season to and including December thirty first next."

and to attach hereto copy of the Order in Council referred to.

Yours very truly,

J. J. Cowie.
Acting Deputy Minister.

Enclosure

Honourable T. D. Patullo,
Premier of British Columbia.
Victoria, B. C.

Oct. 16/39 Copy sent to Hon. G.S. Pearson, Commr. of Fisheries.

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PRIVY COUNCIL
CANADA

AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

THURSDAY, the 5th day of OCTOBER, 1939

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

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Asst. Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Minister of Fisheries.

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1939
Oct. 11th

Honourable J. E. Michaud,
Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Michaud:

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of telegram from Mr. J. J. Cowie, Acting Deputy Minister of Fisheries, with regard to prohibition of export from Canada of chum salmon.

I beg to remain,

Very faithfully yours,

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HON T D PATTULLO
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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IN THE ABSENCE OF MINISTER AND WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR TELEGRAM TWENTY NINTH ULTIMO I WISH TO ADVISE THAT ORDER IN COUNCIL HAS BEEN PASSED UNDER WAR MEASURES ACT PROHIBITING EXPORT FROM CANADA OF CHUM SALMON IN FRESH STATE FOR CURRENT SEASON TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST NEXT.

J J COWIE
ACTING DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES

Copy given Commr. of Fisheries. Oct. 10/39.
2pm

now exporting fresh chum salmon to United States for processing STOP This defeats efforts of Government in present national emergency STOP Respectfully request the taking such action as will rectify above condition possibly by placing temporary embargo on export of fresh chum salmon or regulation requiring processing these fish in Canada or withholding foreign exchange permits.

T. D. PATTULLO

(Charge Fisheries Department)

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(NIGHTLETTER)

VICTORIA, B.C. Sept. 29th 1939

HON. J. E. MICHAUD,
MINISTER OF FISHERIES,
OTTAWA, ONT.

Owing to war conditions and need to conserve for Empire countries plentiful supply protein food our Government has refused Salmon Dry Saltery Licenses for current season STOP This produce has heretofore been exported to foreign country STOP To circumvent action of Government Salmon Saltery operators now exporting fresh chum salmon to United States for processing STOP This defeats efforts of Government in present national emergency STOP Respectfully request the taking such action as will rectify above condition possibly by placing temporary embargo on export of fresh chum salmon or regulation requiring processing these fish in Canada or withholding foreign exchange permits.

T. D. PATTULLO

(Charge Fisheries Department)

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NIGHT LETTER

VICTORIA BC
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HON. J E MICHAUD ~~ESQ~~
MINISTER OF FISHERIES
OTTAWA

OWING TO WAR CONDITIONS AND ~~THE~~ NEED TO CONSERVE FOR EMPIRE COUNTRIES PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF PROTEIN FOOD ~~MY~~ GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED SALMON DRY SALTERY LICENCES CURRENT SEASON, ~~AS THE PRODUCT OF SUCH IS EXPORTED TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY~~ STOP SALMON SALTERY OPERATORS NOW EXPORTING FRESH CHUM SALMON TO UNITED STATES FOR PROCESSING STOP THIS DEFEATS EFFORTS OF ~~MY~~ GOVERNMENT IN ~~THE~~ PRESENT NATIONAL EMERGENCY STOP REQUEST ~~YOU DISCUSS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES POSSIBILITY~~ TAKING SUCH ACTION AS WILL RECTIFY ABOVE CONDITION ~~EITHER~~ BY PLACING TEMPORARY EMBARGO ON EXPORT OF FRESH CHUM SALMON OR REGULATION REQUIRING ~~THE~~ PROCESSING OF THESE FISH IN CANADA OR WITHHOLDING FOREIGN EXCHANGE PERMITS STOP

T D PATTULLO

~~PREMIER~~

CHG
fisheries Dept.