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DISTRIBUTION OF FISHING VESSELS SOLD

to JUNE 30th, 1942

To PRINCIPAL FISHING CO	No. of Vessels	% of Fishing Companies	% of Total
British Columbia Packers Ltd.	204	34	26
Canadian Fishing Coy Ltd.	147	24	19
Anglo B. C. Packing Co. Ltd.	96	16	12
Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.	62	10	8
J. H. Todd and Sons	27	4	3
F. Millard and Sons Ltd.	25	4	3
Great West Packing Co. Ltd.	22	4	3
Cassiar Packing Co. Ltd.	13	2	2
North Shore Packing Co. Ltd.	7	1	1
Queen Charlotte Packing Co. Ltd.	5	1	1
Total Fishing Companies	608	100	78
Total Individual Purchasers	177		22
Total vessels sold to June 30th	785		100

ANALYSIS OF SALES TO JUNE 30th, 1942

TYPE AND AVERAGE VALUE

	No. of Vessels	% of total vessels	Average value per Vessel
Seiners	33	4	$6,181.39
Trollers	47	6	1,468.11
Gill-Netters	581	74	638.14
Packers	87	11	2,342.50
Misc.-60 boats, etc.	37	5	894.90
(X) TOTAL	785	100	$ 1,121.88

(X) Does not include 5 vessels sold by Custodian of Enemy Alien Property
These were 5 Seiners of the average value of $6,335.29.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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A. E. McMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

Sept. 18, 1942.

AIR MAIL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.34 of September 17, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
Encl.1.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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...HING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 34 - September 17, 1942

In reporting the vessels released by the Committee to licenced owners in our Weekly Letters, not all vessels so released were included, principally for the reason that they were not in the main naval lists. On analysing the individual vessel files, preparatory to turning them over to the Custodian, it was thought advisable to include all such vessels so that our tabulations would be complete as to the total number of vessels released back to the fishing industry, whether omitted from impounding action or otherwise. These additional vessels are included in the attached statement, which brings the total vessels released to 1322.

The following summary of vessels sold through the office of the Committee to August the 31st, 1942, shows the relation of purchase of each type released to the principal fishing companies and to individual fishermen, as well as the total average price realized. A complete analysis of this information will be included in our final report:

	No of Vessels			
	Fishing Co's	Individuals	Total	Average Price
Seiners	42	11	53	$5694.00
Trollers	18	38	56	1337.00
Gill-Netters	504	114	618	623.00
Packers	74	20	94	2275.00
Misc.	19	33	52	765.00
Total	657	216	873	1163.00
Per Cent	75	25	100	

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All purchases have now been completed and the Bills of Sale sent to the Department of Munitions and Supply at Ottawa, on the ex Japanese vessels presently under charter for Naval Service and Air Force. We are meeting with some resistance from the owners of the remaining vessels, and it is somewhat difficult to deal with them by mail at their evacuation camps. H owever, we hope the entire matter will be cleared up before closing our offices.

No definite instructions have been received on the 11 vessels being used by Army Service Coprs, but the Department anticipates authorizing the purchase of these shortly.

Continued progress is being made in the assembly of the other final work of the Committee, such as the vessel history files, Naval claims and "forced sales." In respect to the latter, of 152 "forced sales" made by the Committee, 102 or two-thirds have now been regularized by securing a formal Bill of Sale from the Japanese owners.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

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WEEKLY LETTER

No.34 Week ended Sept. 17, 1942

SUMMARY OF VESSELS RELEASED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE

Vessel Types -	A	B	C	D	E	F
Requisitioned by R.C. Services						
Naval Service	14	2	2	8	-	26
Air Force	-	3	-	3	-	6
Army Service Corps	-	4	5	1	1	11
British Admiralty Tech.Mission	-	-	1	2	-	3
Total to the Services	14	9	8	14	1	46
Released to Licensed Owners	1	4	149	9	40	203
Sales to						
Public	51	52	630	93	54	880
B.A.T.M.	-	3	-	13	1	17
R.C.Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Sales	51	55	630	106	55	897
Released to Custodian of E.P.	1	44	70	18	43	176
Total Vessels Registered Through J.F.V.D.C.	67	112	857	147	139	1322

SYMBOLS: A - Seiners B - Trollers C - Gill-Netters D - Packers E - Misc.(Cod Boats.etc.) F - Total

SUMMARY OF VALUES TO DATE

Value of Sales	-	$1,093,288.89
Cash Payment on Sales	-	856,746.62
Disbursements to Vendors	-	811,081.85
Remittances to Receiver General		13,044.01
Earnings on Commission to Date	-	10,932.88
Survey Charges to Date	-	2,164.50

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

Sept. 11,1942.

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A.Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.33 of Sept. 10th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
Encl.1.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 33 - September 10, 1942

The negotiations in converting charters of requisitioned vessels to purchases, for the Naval Service and Air Force, continue to show progress. Over 50 per cent of these vessels are now under Bill of Sale, and the offered prices on others have been accepted. No instructions have yet been received for the purchase of Army Service boats.

About two-thirds of our "forced sales" have been regularized, and progress is being made in the other closing work of the Committee's offices.

A further reduction of staff will be possible within a few days, but the other members will be required until the work is completed.

The attached report shows little change from the previous report, but we shall continue submitting a similar statement each week, until our final report, so that all files will be complete.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

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W E E K L Y L E T T E R

No. 33 Week ended Sept. 10, 1942.

SUMMARY OF VESSELS RELEASED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE

Vessel Types -	A	B	C	D	E	F	%
Requisitioned by R.C. Services							
Naval Service	14	2	2	8	-	26	
Air Force	-	3	-	3	-	6	
Army Service Corps	-	4	5	1	1	11	
British Admiralty Tech.Mission	-	-	1	2	-	3	
Total to the Services	14	9	8	14	1	46	4
Released to Licensed Owners	-	2	118	4	30	154	12
Sales							
Public	51	52	629	93	54	879	
B.A.T.M.	-	3	-	13	1	17	
R.C. Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Sales	51	55	629	106	55	896	70
Released to Custodian of E.P.	1	44	70	18	43	176	14
Total Vessels Registered Through J.F.V.D.C.	66	110	825	142	129	1272	100
Per Cent	5	9	65	11	10		

SYMBOLS: A - Seiners B - Trollers C - Gill-Netters D - Packers E - Misc.(Cod Boats.Etc.) F - Total

SUMMARY OF VALUES TO DATE

Value of Sales	-	$1,092,882.24
Cash Payment on Sales	-	856,740.05
Disbursements to Vendors	-	788,169.68
Remittances to Receiver General	-	13,044.01
Earnings on Commission to Date	-	10,928.81
Survey Charges to Date	-	2,162.00

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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September 4th, 1942.

Hon. Ian McKenzie, K. C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

Herewith a copy of the usual weekly letter to the Honorable Minister of Fisheries for week ended September 3rd.

Yours very truly,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM:RO
ENCL.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 32 - September 3, 1942.

The negotiations for the purchase of vessels requisitioned by Naval Service and Air Force are progressing as satisfactorily as can be expected under the circumstances of having to deal with owners by letter and telegram at evacuee camps.

The basis of purchase as directed by the Department of Munitions and Supply is "Lloyd's appraisal price" as approved by the Advisory Board on requisitioning.

Contentious points which the Committee must overcome before completing these purchases relate to the

(a) the differential claimed between "Lloyd's appraisal price" and current market values and

(b) charter money for the period from the time of requisitioning to the completion of purchase.

The status of negotiation may be summarized briefly, as follows:--

		Vessels
1.	Purchases completed - Bill of sale forwarded to the Department at Ottawa	6
2.	Owners consent secured, documents in process of completion	12
3.	Negotiations progressing satisfactorily	7
4.	Negotiations slow owing to resistance ofowners.	7
	Total	32

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It is expected that the same policy as above, in requiring transfer of title for 11 Army Service vessels will be adopted, but as yet instructions to purchase have not been received.

In the attached statement of the distribution of all vessels handled through the offices of the Committee we are following the procedure of leaving all requisitioned vessels under that caption until settlement is received from the Government Agency concerned, when transfer is made to the caption "Sales".

Many owners of vessels concerned with "Forced Sales" are responding to our request that they regularize these Sales by completion of a formal bill of sale, so that the vessels remaining in this category when the Committee dissolves should not prove burdensome to the Custodian. Of 147 vessels concerned, we now have 85 completed bills of sale.

The assembly and verification of vessel history files, Naval claims and other work necessary to a practical transfer of the Committee's records, is progressing with a reduced staff.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM:RO

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W E E K L Y L E T T E R

No.32 Week ended Sept. 3rd, 1942

SUMMARY OF VESSELS RELEASED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE

Vessel Types		A	B	C	D	E	F	%
Requisitioned by Services								
R.C.N.S.	-	14	2	2	8	-	26	
R.C.A.F.	-	-	3	-	3	-	6	
R.C.A.S.C.	-	-	4	5	1	1	11	
B.A.T.M.	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	
	Total	14	9	8	15	1	47	3.7
Released to Owners	Total	-	2	118	4	30	154	12.0
Sales to Public								
B.A.T.M.		51	52	629	93	54	879	
R.C. Services		-	3	-	12	1	16	
		-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	51	55	629	105	55	895	70.3
Released to Custodian	Total	1	44	70	18	43	176	13.8
	Grand Total	66	110	825	142	129	1272	100
	Percent	5.2	8.6	64.9	11.1	10.2		

SYMBOLS: A - Seiners C-Gill-Netters E-Misc.(Cod Boats.Etc.)
B- Trollers D-Packers F-Total

SUMMARY OF VALUES TO DATE

Value of Sales	-	$1,088,702.24
Cash Payment on Sales	-	852,560.05
Disbursements to Vendors	-	776,574.24
Remittances to Receiver General	-	11,708.82
Earnings on Commission to Date	-	10,887.01
Survey Charges to Date	-	2,157.00

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

AUGUST 28,1942.

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie,K.C.
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No. 31 of August 27, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 31 - August 27, 1942

The activities of the Committee's office is now confined to assembly and verification of all vessel history files; the assembly and vouchering of Naval claims; completion, insofar as possible, of "forced sales"; and the negotiation and purchase of vessels requisitioned by the Services.

The staff will be further reduced during the coming week and the remaining work carried through to a practical conclusion by a skeleton staff.

The matter of handling "forced sales" has been discussed with the Custodian, and agreed that the Committee would continue its efforts to regularize these sales through inducing owners to execute bills of sale, until all records were transferred. The response of owners is gratifying. Of 147 sales we have succeeded in completing 80 or 55%.

Negotiations for the purchase of requisitioned vessels are progressing favorably. Of 33 vessels involved, owners of 18 have so far agreed to the terms offered, and the final papers are in process of completion.

The attached statement shows no change from previous week, insofar as the vessel distribution is concerned. The financial summary reflects the position of collections, disbursements, etc. up to and including August 27th.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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WEEKLY LETTER

No. 31 Week ended Aug.27, 1942.

SUMMARY OF VESSELS RELEASED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE

Vessel Types -	A	B	C	D	E	F
Requisitioned by R.C.Services						
Naval Service -	14	2	2	8	-	26
Air Force -	-	3	-	3	-	6
Army Service Corps -	-	4	5	1	1	11
Total to the Services -	14	9	7	12	1	43
Released to Licensed Owners -	-	2	118	4	30	154
Sales						
Fishing Industry Etc. -	51	53	629	93	54	880
B.A.T.Mission -	-	3	1	15	1	20
Total Sales -	51	56	630	108	55	900
Released to Custodian of E.P. -	1	44	70	18	43	176
Total Vessels Registered Through J.F.V.D.C. -	66	111	825	142	129	1273

SYMBOLS: A - Seiners B - Trollers C - Gill-Netters D - Packers E - Misc.(Cod Boats,Etc.) F - Total

SUMMARY OF VALUES TO DATE

Value of Sales	-	$1,079;172.24
Cash Payment on Sales	-	843;020.05
Disbursements to Vendors	-	754;940.97
Remittances to Receiver General	-	11,708.82
Earnings on Commission to Date	-	10;791.71
Survey Charges to Date	-	3,147.00

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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AIR MAIL

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The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.30 of August 20th,1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
Encl.1.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 30 - August 20, 1942

We attach a revised, up to date, statement of the disposition of the Japanese fishing vessels registered with the Committee.

Practically all changes from now until the records of the Committee are closed, will be concerned with the transfer of vessels between captions; for instance, as purchases of vessels are completed, they will be added under caption "Sales." The financial figures of course, will change each week as collections and disbursements are made.

Some of the owners concerned in "forced sales" are voluntarily signing Bills of Sale, and thus regularizing transactions.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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W E E K L Y L E T T E R

No. 30 Week ended Aug. 20, 1942.

SUMMARY OF VESSELS RELEASED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE

	Vessel Types -	A	B	C	D	E	F
Requisitioned by R.C.Services							
Naval Service	-	14	2	2	8	-	26
Air Force	-	-	3	-	3	-	6
Army Ser vice Corps	-	-	4	5	1	1	11
Total to the Services	-	14	9	7	12	1	43
Released to Licensed Owners	-	-	2	118	4	30	154
Sales							
Fishing Industry Etc.	-	51	53	629	93	54	880
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Total Vessels Registered Through J.F.V.D.C.	-	66	111	825	142	129	1273

SYMBOLS: A - Seiners B - Trollers C - Gill-Netters D - Packers E - Misc.(Cod Boats,Etc.) F - Total

SUMMARY OF VALUES TO DATE

Value of Sales	-	$1,063;602.24
Cash Payment on Sales	-	803;305.05
Disbursements to Vendors	-	713;097.70
Remittances to Receiver General	-	11;708.82
Earnings on Commission to Date	-	10,636.01
Survey Charges to Date	-	3,117.00

Vancouver Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March-Sept 1942 29-7(2)

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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE ASSOC. DEPUTY MINISTER

MEMORANDUM:

August 20, 1942.

Miss A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary,
Office of the Minister.

With reference to your memorandum of the 17th instant attached to Mr. Michaud's letter which I return, Mr. Michaud states there would be considerable hesitation by his Department in suggesting that the remaining Japanese Fishing vessels would be suitable for the purpose of training discharged men in the occupation of fishing.

That answers one of the questions raised in my memorandum to the Honourable the Minister of June 17th.

The other point I presented as a representation of the Fishing Committee of the Vancouver Zone Council was, that as there might be a shortage of fish to meet the demands of Britain and the United Nations the Fishing Committee urged that the Government place the balance of the Japanese Fleet into production by leasing or any other way so long as they were out fishing, and in so doing give a preference to discharged men of the Great War and of this war. Mr. Michaud' does not comment on that phase of the Committee's representations.

However, I do not know that there is any obligation upon us to make any further reply to the Vancouver Committee.

I have done what I assured them I would do, i.e., to make representations to the Minister of Fisheries on this latter point.

As to the first point, the question of using the balance of the fleet to rehabilitate these newly discharged men, that has already been covered by my statement that we did not have a sufficient number of discharged men from this war of the physical standard necessary to become fishermen to warrant the undertaking.

I am inclined to think that matters may remain as they are until the Committee revives the subject.

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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B.F. 24/8/42.

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August 18, 1942.

AIR MAIL

Dear Mr. McGillivray:-

In the absence of Mr. Senior I am looking after his correspondence and am today in receipt of copy of a telegram which he forwarded Dr. Coleman, Custodian of Enemy Property, Ottawa, Ontario, after his interview with you.

On making enquiries from Dr. Coleman I am informed that he has been in communication with Mr. MacPherson, the Custodian at Vancouver, and that he has given authorization that these nets can be classed as "perishable goods" and sold at an appraised value. I understand that Mr. MacPherson proposes to call a meeting in the very near future if he has not already done so and that the whole question will be gone into thoroughly and the best arrangements possible made.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

A. McGillivray, Esq.,
3236 East 43rd Avenue,
Vancouver,
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Vancouver, August 15th, 1942.

Dr. E.H. Coleman,
Custodian of Enemy Property,
Ottawa, Ontario.

A McGillivray representing Canadian Legion and ex-soldier fishermen states that Custodian refuses sell nets except at prices set by Jap owners whereas boats and motor cars sold by forced sale (Stop) Ex-soldier fishermen with boats unable take advantage present sockeye run for lack of nets held by Custodian at prohibitive prices (Stop) Doctor Finn Deputy Minister of Fisheries investigating locally from production standpoint and will advise MacPherson (Stop) My Minister would appreciate utmost consideration for ex-soldiers establishing themselves in fishing industry (Stop) Matter is of extreme urgency as sockeye season very short.

C.N. Senior

Charge: Minister's Office,
Department of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Mr. Michaud's letter dated 13/8/42, and enclosing copy of P.C. 6247, of July 20/42, turning over remaining vessels to Custodian

B.F. 21/8/42

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ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER:

On the 23rd of June Mr. Mackenzie wrote to Mr. Michaud concerning assistance, by way of a rehabilitation measure for men discharged from the services in the Vancouver area, by the utilization of undisposed vessels of the Japanese fishing fleet.

I am attaching, for your information, Mr. Michaud's reply, and it would be appreciated if you would return this correspondence with any comments you care to make, in order that it may be brought to Mr. Mackenzie's attention upon his return.

Associate Private Secretary.

17/8/42
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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

August 13th, 1942.

Vancouver

My dear Colleague,

I duly received your note of the ~~23rd~~ 30th of June in which you ask my comment on suggestion covered by memorandum appended thereto for assisting in rehabilitation measures for men discharged from the Services in the Vancouver area by utilizing undisposed vessels of the Japanese fishing fleet.

There is unquestionably, as Mr. Woods points out, the important consideration that persons who might be interested in establishing themselves as commercial fishermen should have a high degree of physical fitness if there is to be any reasonable prospect of success. Apart from this and possibly other considerations, there is the development that by July 1st the majority of the impounded Japanese-owned boats had already been disposed of through the Committee headed by the Honourable Justice Sidney A. Smith of Vancouver. The vessels that remained were mainly of the smaller type and in inferior condition, due to age and disrepair, and it has since been arranged they should be turned over to the Custodian of Enemy Property for protective purposes. There would be considerable hesitation by my Department to suggesting that vessels embraced in this residue would be suitable equipment with which to introduce inexperienced men to fishing. However, the Fishing Committee of the Vancouver Zone Council might desire to discuss the matter further with the local representative of the Custodian at Vancouver.

I am attaching hereto copy of Order in Council of July 20th, 1942, P.C. 6247, by which the remaining vessels were turned over to the Custodian as at August 1st.

Yours very truly,

J. E. Michaud

Honourable Ian MacKenzie, K.C., M.P., Minister.
Minister,
Department of Pensions and National Health,
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AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

MONDAY, the 20th day of JULY, 1942
PRESENT

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS the Minister of Fisheries reports that by virtue of the authority of Order in Council of December 16th, 1941, P.C. 9761, vessels used or operated by persons of the Japanese race within waters adjacent to the West Coast of Canada were seized and detained;

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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,

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yet been completely exhausted, the bulk of the remaining 238 vessels will have to be stored for a considerable period particularly as in general, the best vessels have already been disposed of;

That the Committee is of the opinion, after consideration of all factors involved, that responsibility for administration of remaining boats and equipment might logically be turned over to the Custodian of Enemy Property, who is now administering other properties of persons of the Japanese race in British Columbia; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Fisheries, concurred in by the Secretary of State and under and by virtue of the powers conferred by the War Measures Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, is pleased, notwithstanding anything contained in the Regulations established by Order in Council of March 4th, 1942, P.C. 1665, as amended by Order in Council of March 27th, 1942, P.C. 2483, to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. As a protective measure only all vessels and equipment seized and detained under the authority of Order in Council of December 16th, 1941, P.C. 9761, which have not been disposed of under the supervision of the Committee appointed by Order in Council of January 13th, 1942, P.C. 288, shall on and after August 1st, 1942, be vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian, as defined in the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy, (1939); provided, however, that no commission shall be charged by the Custodian in respect to such control and management.

2. For the purpose of the control and management of such property by the Custodian, the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy, 1939, shall apply mutatis mutandis, to the same extent as if the property belonged to an enemy within the meaning of the said Consolidated Regulations.

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4. Such arrangements as will make it possible for the present owners of any vessels or equipment vested in the

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Custodian pursuant to this Order to freely negotiate for charters, leases or sales of such vessels and equipment as they own to persons other than those of Japanese origin, shall be made by the Custodian, provided that the Custodian approves of such charters, leases or sales, which approval shall be a prerequisite for the use of such vessels and equipment in any capacity.

Signed A.D.P. Heeney
Clerk of the Privy Council

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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August 14,1942.

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A.Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.29 of August 13th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
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E FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 29 - August 13,1942

During the week all records pertaining to the vessels taken over by the Custodian of Enemy Property were assembled and transferred to his office in the Royal Bank Building.

One member of the Committee's staff was taken over by the Custodian, and the services of our marine surveyors were discontinued.

The balance of our staff will be required until the end of the current month, after which a reduced staff will bring the records and affairs of the Committee to a point of completion, favorable to transfer to the Custodian.

The detail involved in this work has been reviewed with Dr. D. B. Finn, Deputy Minister, and we have had his helpful suggestions as to policies in final procedure.

Instructions as to the purchase of 27 vessels requisitioned by Naval Service, and 6 vessels requisitioned by the Royal Canadian Air Force, have been received from the Department of Munitions and Supply. In addition to these vessels there have been 11 requisitioned by the Royal

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Canadian Army Service Corps. It is expected that in view of the change of policy in respect to requisitioned vessels, instructions to purchase will be received for these vessels.

The attached statistical report contains revised figures up to August the 13th.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

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WEEKLY LETTER

No. 29 Week ended Aug.13,1942.

SUMMARY OF VESSELS RELEASED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE

Vessel Types -		A	B	C	D	E	F
Requisitioned by R.C. Services							
Naval Service	-	14	2	2	8	-	26
Air Force	-	-	3	-	3	-	6
Army Service Corps	-	-	4	5	1	1	11
Total to the Services	-	14	9	7	12	1	43
Released to Licensed Owners	-	-	2	118	4	29	153
Sales							
Fishing Industry Etc.	-	51	53	627	93	54	878
B.A.T.Mission	-	-	3	1	15	1	20
Total Sales	-	51	56	628	108	55	898
Released to Custodian of E.P.	-	1	44	70	18	43	176
Total Vessels Registered Through J.F.V.D.C.	-	66	111	823	142	128	1270

SYMBOLS: A - Seiners B - Trollers C - Gill-Netters D - Packers E - Misc.(Cod boats,etc.) F - Total

SUMMARY OF VALUES TO DATE

Value of Sales	-	$1,054,802.24
Cash Payment on Sales	-	795,169.30
Disbursements to Vendors	-	707,105.72
Remittances to Receiver General	-	11,708.82
Earnings on Commission to Date	-	10,548.01
Survey Charges to Date	-	2,102.00

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AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

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The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.28 of August 6th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
Encl.1.

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REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES
No. 28 - August 6, 1942

Transfer of the vessels remaining in the Fraser River, from Naval Service to the Custodian of Enemy Property, was completed this week in accordance with Order in Council, P. C. 6247 of July 20th.

Coincident with this transfer, a joint survey was made by the marine surveyors of Naval Service and the Custodian, and individual survey reports by the former are now filed with the Committee in relation to the settlement of Naval Claims.

The figures on the attached statement have been adjusted to show the disposition of all vessels which have passed through the release authority of the Committee. All further releases will be made by the Custodian; therefore, further statements submitted by this office until the dissolution of the Committee, will be chiefly concerned with finances.

The Committee is making every effort to bring all matters pertaining to the boats released through its offices, and pertaining to Naval Claims, to as nearly a point of completion as possible before turning records over to the Custodian.

An arrangement is under discussion with the Custodian whereby the staff of the Committee will co-operate, in the meantime, in assisting the Custodian in the handling of the added work involved in unsold vessels. This will permit a gradual reduction of the Committee's staff and insure the most effective means of the final transfer of all records.

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A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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W E E K L Y L E T T E R
No.28
Week ended August 6th 1942.

RECONCILEMENT STATEMENT OF VESSELS

Number of Vessels	Seiners	Trollers	Gill-Netters	Packers	Misc.	Total
Requisitioned Vessels						
R.C. Naval Services	14	2	2	8	-	26
R.C. Air Force	-	3	-	3	-	6
R.C. Army Service Corps	-	4	5	1	1	11
Total to Services	14	9	7	12	1	43
Released to Owners	4	3	118	5	28	158
Sales						
Fishing Industry, Etc.	46	53	627	92	54	872
B.A.T.Mission	-	3	1	15	1	20
Total Sales	46	56	628	107	55	892
Released to Custodian of E.P.						
Alien Enemy Vessels	1	2	4	2	2	11
Fraser River Moorings	-	36	15	11	35	97
Ewen's Cannery Slough	-	6	37	4	5	52
Prince Rupert	-	-	14	1	1	16
Total to Custodian	1	44	70	18	43	176
Total Vessels Registered Through J.F.V.D.C.	65	112	823	142	127	1269

SUMMARY OF VALUES TO DATE

Value of Sales	-	$1,009;292.24
Cash Payment on Sales	-	776;102.20
Disbursements to Vendors	-	700;017.68
Remittances to Receiver General	-	11;708.82
Earnings on Commission (1%)	-	10;092.91
Survey Charges	-	2,077.00

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AIR MAIL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie,K.C.
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.27 of July 31st, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 27 - July 31,1942

During the week arrangements were completed for the transfer of the custodianship of all vessels remaining unsold or otherwise unreleased by the Committee, to the Custodian of Enemy Property.

A joint survey is now under way which, when completed, will enable the Committee to reconcile all vessel statistics; therefore, we are omitting our usual statistical summary this week.

The fishing companies have taken 56 vessels under the plan referred to in previous letters. This will leave just over 100 vessels at the Fraser River moorings and 16 at Prince Rupert. The intention of the Custodian is to leave the Fraser River vessels at these moorings for the present, and until a more suitable disposition can be found.

The final 5 British Admiralty Technical Mission vessels have now gone forward and the Committee is completing negotiations with the owners for settlement in respect to all of the 20 boats involved.

The intention is that the Committee will release several members of the staff to carry out the added work undertaken by the Custodian of Enemy Property. The re-

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maining staff will be occupied in completing Naval claims; settlements as to forced sales; settlements as to purchased B.A.T.M. boats and those requisitioned by the Royal Canadian Services.

An important feature of the final work of the Committee will be the assembly of all data in respect to boat files. It will be necessary to have these in complete form for future reference. There are at least 1200 of these files which will, when the Committee is dissolved, be turned over with other records to the Custodian of Enemy Property.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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AIR MAIL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.26 of July 23rd, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 26 - July 23, 1942

Negotiations with the fishing companies to take over custody of the remaining fishing vessels is proceeding very slowly, principally owing to the difficulty they have had in securing the necessary equipment and men to prepare moorings. They took delivery of 31 vessels during the week, and while it is difficult to estimate the total number they will select, it seems probable that they will take another 40 or 50 before the end of the month.

Only 4 sales were effected during the week, and it is not expected there will be many more until after surveys and transfer of custodianship are completed.

The Custodian of Enemy Property is taking over the responsibility of the vessels coming under his jurisdiction, and we have shown these as released in attached statement.

Of the 149 vessels remaining under the jurisdiction of this Committee on July 23rd, 133 are at the Fraser River moorings; so that if our present estimate as to the additional number of vessels the fishing companies will select, is correct, we will have less than 100 vessels for which to find other disposition, in addition to the 16 vessels remaining at Prince Rupert.

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We have not had any confirmation as to the Custodian of Enemy Property taking over the responsibility of the vessels remaining at the end of this month, but should this be the decision of Ottawa, the Committee has agreed to co-operate with the Custodian in finding the final dispositions.

At the request of the Department of Munitions and Supply, the Committee is negotiating with the Japanese owners for the purchase of the vessels requisitioned by Naval Service and by the R.C.A.F. These vessels are included in the attached statement under the Caption "Requisitioned by Services" and we have this matter actively in hand.

A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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W E E K L Y R E P O R T
No. 26

Week ended July 23, 1942

		A	B	C	D	E	F
Vessel Types -							
1. Vessels Registered	Total to Date	57	102	829	150	129	1267
2. Requisitioned by Services	" " "	10	14	8	29	3	64
3. Released to Owners	" " "	8	3	118	5	29	163
4. Released to Custodian of E.P.	" " "	1	2	4	2	2	11
5. Released to Fishing Co's Custody	" "	-	3	24	4	-	31
6. Completed Sales	This Week	-	1	1	-	2	4
	Previously	38	50	619	90	48	845
	Total to Date	38	51	620	90	50	849
7. Total Releases to Date	-	57	73	774	130	84	1118
8. Vessels Remaining at July 23rd, 1942.	-	-	29	55	20	45	149

9. Value of Sales to Date - $959,753.24
10. Cash Payments on Sales to Date - $766,263.65
11. Cash Paid to Vendors to Date - $688,494.97
12. Amount Earned by Commission @ 1% - $ 9,597.52
13. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 2,039.50
14. Remitted to Receiver General to Date - $ 11,249.34

15. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 585
16. Appraised " " 713

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netter
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

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PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

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4. Such arrangements as will make it possible for the present owners of any vessels or equipment vested in the Custodian pursuant to this Order to freely negotiate for charters, leases or sales of such vessels and equipment as they own to persons other than those of Japanese origin, shall be made by the Custodian, provided that the Custodian approves of such charters, leases or sales, which approval shall be a prerequisite for the use of such vessels and equipment in any capacity.

A. P. Hurley.

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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AIR MAIL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.25 of July 16th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
Encl.1.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 25 - July 16, 1942

Sales for the week equalled exactly those of the two previous weeks, viz. 22 vessels, bringing the total vessels released to date to 1072, or 84.6% of those registered with the Committee.

The Committee's revised plan of relieving Naval Service from the custodianship of the remaining vessels in the Fraser River has progressed during the week.

To effect the transfer of custody, a joint survey by representatives of each agency is necessary. This survey commenced on the 15th, and in order to avoid interference or confusion, all permits for inspection by others than interested parties, were discontinued. Consequently sales will be practically suspended until vessels are available for inspection at their new moorings.

50 vessels of the preferred class have been selected and examination for further selections is being continued concurrently with the surveying operations.

The Committee is receiving excellent co-operation from those fishing companies which are accepting responsibility and from Naval Service, and every possible effort is being made to successfully conclude the prompt transfer of vessels.

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The last 5 vessels selected by the British Admiralty Technical Mission are ready for shipment and will be despatched immediately on receipt of shipping permit.

At this date 214 Loss and Damage Claims have been registered, totalling in value $41,644.05, of which 128, value $35,600.18, have been completed and vouchered.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended July 16, 1942.

Vessel Types -		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered from Naval Catalogues		57	102	829	150	129	1267
2. Requisitioned by Services to Date		10	14	8	29	3	64
3. Released to Owners	This Week	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previously	8	3	118	5	29	163
	Total to Date	8	3	118	5	29	163
4. Completed Sales	This Week	1	4	11	-	6	22
	Previously	37	46	608	90	42	823
	Total to Date	38	50	619	90	48	845
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	56	67	745	134	80	1072
6. Vessels Remaining at July 16th	-	1	35	84	26	49	195

7. Value of Sales to Date - $958,410.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $765,465.15
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $682,134.77
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 9,584.09
11. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 2,032.00

12. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 582
13. " Appraised " " - 715

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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The Honourable Ian A.Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.24 of July 9, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McKaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 24 - July 9, 1942

The favorable opening of the Sockeye salmon season has created the anticipated stimulus to further vessel purchases.

During the current week 22 vessels were sold or nearly the average of the sales for the past seven weeks. The immediate indications are that the next week or two will continue to show the same purchasing interest.

The vessel inventory, shown on attached statement, is distributed as follows:

(a) Vessels at Prince Rupert.

(b) Vessels under the control of the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property.

(c) Vessels at Fraser River moorings under the jurisdiction of the Committee.

(d) Total.

	A	B	C	D
Seiners	-	2	1	3
Trollers	-	2	37	39
Gill-Netters	14	8	73	95
Packers	1	4	20	25
Misc.(Cod Boats)	1	4	50	55
Totals	16	20	181	217

The Prince Rupert vessels do not present an immediate problem, and the Custodian vessels are being removed from the fleet, thus leaving for other disposal 181 vessels as shown under caption (c), as the problem requiring the quickest possible solution in order to relieve navy personnel.

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An analysis of the majority of these 181 vessels as to age of hull shows the following:

A.B.C.	Trollers	Gill-Netters	Packers	Misc.Cod Boats, Etc.
	%	%	%	%
1 to 5 yrs.	-	15	7	7
6 - 10 "	14	36	13	20
11 - 15 "	58	31	33	45
16 - 20 "	21	11	27	22
Over 20 "	7	7	20	6
Total	100	100	100	100

A practical appraisal of these vessels would consider two classifications:

(a) Those in good to fair condition, and immediately usable for fishing.

(b) The older vessels and those in a poor state of repair, which have outlived their usefulness or have nearly reached that state.

Dry storage would be the most economic method of disposing of surplus vessels, but deterioration under this method would be rapid. Floating storage such as that being used at present moorings, over a long period, would be an expensive undertaking.

With these factors in mind the Committee has considered it advisable to advance a revised proposal to the principal fishing companies with a view to immediately disposing of the usable vessels, i.e. those in category (a). If successful in this plan, the vessels concerned would be maintained in a condition for prompt use as required, in the fishing industry. Our estimates indicate that this method and other sales over a short period, would reduce the remaining fleet

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to not more than 75 boats, principally those in (b) classification.

Two of the larger fishing companies have facilities for dry storing and have tentatively agreed to store up to 75 or 80 vessels; so that if our present plans succeed, the entire fleet could be disposed of without the necessity of placing responsibility on any of the permanent Departments of the Government.

In the light of the failure of the fishing companies to accept our former plan, we report this revised plan, prior to consummation, with reluctance; but indications are favorable at this time, and the Committee felt you should be immediately advised of our efforts in view of the Department having the entire problem under active consideration.

In addition to the usual Weekly Statement, we enclose a summary of the distribution of sales to June 30th, and an analysis showing the types of vessels and average prices of sales to the same date.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended July 9, 1942

Vessel Types		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered from Naval Catalogues		57	102	829	150	129	1267
2. Requisitioned by Services to Date		10	14	8	29	3	64
3. Released to Owners	This Week	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Previously	8	3	117	5	29	162
	Total to Date	8	3	118	5	29	163
4. Completed Sales	This Week	1	1	14	3	3	22
	Previously	36	45	594	87	39	801
	Total to Date	37	46	608	90	42	823
5. Total Vessels Released to Date		55	63	734	124	74	1050
6. Vessels Remaining at July 9th		2	39	95	26	55	217

7. Value of Sales to Date - $948,411.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $754,920.15
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $674,783.29
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 9,484.10
11. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 1,977.00

12. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 515
13. " Appraised " " 713

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
G - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A.Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.23 of July 2, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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SHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 23 - July 2, 1942

During the week under review there were 22 vessels sold and 2 released to registered owners after verifying ownership and surveying vessels.

In our statistical record attached, we have re-classified the total registration of vessels as to type in accordance with revised catalogue received from Naval Service at New Westminster and Prince Rupert, from which it will be noted that the total registered is now 1265, compared with 1250 which we have been carrying in our report for some time.

Of the 238 vessels remaining at July 2nd, 17 are at Prince Rupert and 20 are vessels coming under the authority of the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property; so that of those left at New Westminster moorings and in local small shipyards, there are 201 vessels.

There are still considerable active negotiations for these vessels, and sales efforts should be continued for at least another two weeks.

We have now suggested that the logical method of relieving Naval Service from the custody of the remaining vessels, would be to turn them over to the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property. Involved in this custody is the guarding of the fleet from theft and fire, the maintenance of the

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vessels at their moorings, and surveying as vessels are sold or otherwise disposed of.

Col. C.H. Hill, Divisional Officer Commanding, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, has just advised us that he has been instructed to take the responsibility of guarding the fleet, but that the maintenance and any other work necessary would be assumed by the Department of Fisheries.

The Committee is of the opinion that the responsibility should not be divided; but if this is the decision reached by Ottawa, we shall render every assistance to the permanent Department concerned.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended July 2, 1942

Vessel Types -		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered from Naval Catalogues		57	102	827	150	129	1265
2. Requisitioned by Services to Date		10	14	8	29	3	64
3. Released to Owners	This Week	-	-	-	-	2	2
	Previously	8	3	117	5	27	160
	Total to Date	8	3	117	5	29	162
4. Completed Sales	This Week	-	4	17	1	-	22
	Previously	36	41	577	86	39	779
	Total to Date	36	45	594	87	39	801
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	54	62	719	121	71	1027
6. Vessels Remaining at July 2, 1942	-	3	40	108	29	58	238

7. Value of Sales to Date - $938,022.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $744,531.15
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $672,808.34
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 9,380.21
11. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 1,917.00

12. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 499
13. " Appraised " " 713

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
G - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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Ottawa, 30th June, 1942

My dear Colleague,-

With respect to the attached memorandum from my Associate Deputy Minister on the subject of conserving the undisposed vessels in the Japanese fishing fleet for rehabilitation purposes, I should be glad to have your comment.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable J. E. Michaud, M.P.,
Minister of Fisheries,
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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

MINISTER'S OFFICE June 30, 1942.

MEMORANDUM: The Associate Deputy Minister

The Minister has returned your memorandum and copy of letter written to Mr. A.J. McGillivray, Chairman of the Fishing Committee of the Vancouver Zone Council, Vancouver, B.C., marked "Noted" (Sgd.) I.A.M.

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(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER
OTTAWA

MEMORANDUM TO: June 17, 1942.

The Honourable the Minister

Re: Japanese Fishing Fleet

When I was in Vancouver recently I was interviewed by a Committee known as the Fishing Committee of the Vancouver Zone Council, when representations were made with respect to utilizing the remaining undisposed of craft of the Japanese Fishing Fleet for rehabilitation purposes.

I pointed out to the Committee that although 3700 had been discharged in the Vancouver Military District from the army since the beginning of the present war we had only from 55 to 60 registered as unemployed.

I pointed out that the majority of the discharges were on the grounds that the individual did not come up to the medical standards required for active service and that it could hardly be expected that the 55 to 60 out of this large group who remained unemployed would come up to the physical standard required in the occupation of fisherman.

I advised the Committee further that I would bring to your attention their representations that consideration be given to rendering assistance to fishermen as a part of our rehabilitation programme.

The Committee then suggested that there was a danger of a failure of a sufficient "catch" to fill the demands of Great Britain and the United Nations and that it was desirable that the Government subsidize the remaining Japanese fishing boats in order to put them into production and in so doing utilize experienced discharged veterans of the Great War, thus obviating the danger of any shortage.

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I undertook to present their representations to you in this regard with the suggestion that they be advanced to the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries.

I am advising Mr. McGillivray, Chairman of the Committee, that the question of providing legislation to assist discharged men to become established in the fishing industry is now receiving the consideration of the Parliamentary Committee appointed to consider the Veterans' Land Act.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE ASSOC. DEPUTY MINISTER

MEMORANDUM:

June 17, 1942.

The Honourable the Minister

I beg to attach copy of a letter which I have written to Mr. McGillivray of Vancouver which is self-explanatory and is submitted for your information.

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

OTTAWA, June 17, 1942.

Air Mail

Mr. A. J. McGillivray,
Chairman,
Fishing Committee of the Vancouver Zone Council,
3236 East 43rd Avenue,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Mr. McGillivray:

Mr. Derby has forwarded to me a copy of your letter of June 8th addressed to him wherein you take exception to a statement made by Mr. Derby in his letter of May 18th arising from a discussion with you, and you expressed the opinion that as a consequence the action desired at the Winnipeg Convention was forfeited.

I should like to say that the Rehabilitation Committee of the Convention were thoroughly impressed by Mr. Henderson's representations that establishment in the fishing industry as a means of rehabilitation should be provided.

You probably know that Mr. Herwig, General Secretary of the Canadian Legion, made representations before the Parliamentary Committee on his return from the Convention, and the proceedings of the Committee quote him as follows:

"Another possibility is the establishment of returned soldiers on small holdings so situated that they can also engage in sea fishing. Thousands of our young men are in the Royal Canadian Navy and upon their return may wish to continue a sea-faring life in the fishing industry. We would suggest that the Committee consider the possibility of including as part of stock and equipment the furnishing of fishing boats and fishing nets or other necessary paraphernalia".

The Parliamentary Committee is now giving consideration to that recommendation, and whatever misunderstanding there may be about your having concurred that there were no men available at present, I submit that the brief presented by Mr. Henderson to the Rehabilitation Committee and the action by the Dominion Convention did result in bringing this matter to the attention of the Parliamentary Committee.

COPY FOR INFORMATION OF..... .....

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Had I thought Mr. Derby's letter would have been misunderstood I would not have made it available to Mr. Henderson as all along he has expressed sympathy with the proposals made, but after consulting our Welfare Officer and the Employment Service, expressed doubt that sufficient men of the right physical standard were available to embark upon the project immediately.

After enquiries I have made and men I have interviewed at most Employment Offices I share this viewpoint, that it is going to be very difficult, if not impossible, to find men in any numbers at present who have the physique to stand up to this fairly strenuous life. Certainly one would not expect to find many such amongst the 50 or 60 discharged men from this war who were registered as unemployed in Vancouver. It would surely follow, as they are the remains of 3700 who have been discharged in that Military District mostly for medical reasons, that they would be the least likely to be able to stand the life.

However, it would seem that all this is beside the point until there is legislative authority enabling the Government to establish men in the fishing industry. As a result of the Legion's representations, legislation towards this end is at present under consideration, and I think I may say that the question of the supply of men at the present time will have no bearing on the Parliamentary Committee's decision.

There are not a great number of men who could qualify under the Veterans' Land Act for farm settling at present but it is necessary to have the legislation necessary to take care of such few as there are and to be prepared for the time when greater numbers are available. This is also true with respect to the fishing industry. If the Government decides to establish men in this vocation I feel sure that the legislation will be proceeded with regardless of the number of men presently available.

I am sorry that this misunderstanding between yourself and Mr. Derby has taken place, and I should like to take full responsibility for the statement that he made with respect to the scarcity of men immediately available. This, I may say, was corroborated by all enquiries I made in British Columbia, and in fact I understood your Committee, when I met you at Shaughnessy Hospital, to be in agreement with that point of view.

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As the Legion's case has not been in the slightest prejudiced by anything that has been said by Mr. Derby or anybody else, and as I am satisfied he has been acting in good faith, I suggest there is no particular advantage in developing that phase of the matter further at this time.

It will again arise if and when legislation is enacted, and at that time I feel sure if there are sufficient men available an opportunity will be afforded to discover them.

Yours very truly,

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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COPY FOR INFORMATION OF The Honourable the Minister.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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June 25th. 1942.

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K. C.
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

Weekly Report No. 22 of June 25th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 22 - June 25, 1942

28 vessels were sold during the week, making the total sold to date 779 boats, and the total released to all groups 998 boats, or 80% of the vessels registered with the Committee.

The refusal of the Fishing Company Group to accept our plan for the custodianship of the remaining vessels and the Committee's opinion of alternate procedure, is explained in the copy of our letter of June 26th to the Deputy Minister of Fisheries, attached.

These Companies led the Committee to believe the plan submitted would be accepted by them as a group and we believe the actual reason for final rejection was failure to agree amongst themselves as to a division of the responsibility. No single Company would assume this, therefore other means of final disposal are being explored.

A. E. McMaster
Executive Assistant.

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W E E K L Y R E P O R T

No. 22 — Week ended June 25, 1942

	Vessel Types-	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	-Total to Date	62	121	828	144	95	1250
2. Requisitioned by Services	- " " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners	-This Week	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previously	8	3	117	5	27	160
	Total to Date	8	3	117	5	27	160
4. Completed Sales	-This Week	-	1	25	1	1	28
	Previously	36	40	552	85	38	751
	Total to Date	36	41	577	86	39	779
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	54	55	702	119	68	998
6. Total Vessels Remaining at June 25th	-	8	66	126	25	27	252

7. Value of Sales to Date - $ 927,990.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $ 734,699.15
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $ 670,370.59
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 9,279.89
11. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 1,859.50

12. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 485
13. " Appraised " " - 713

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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June 26, 1942.

Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telegram of this date, reading as follows:

"Refer our letter June twentieth re negotiations with company group for acceptance custodianship remaining vessels stop Regret advise companies have finally rejected proposal and there now seems little hope finding other means bulk disposal stop Companies promise further purchases immediately and Committee's opinion is that few weeks should be allowed to exhaust potential market and thus reduce residue of vessels to more practical storage proportions stop Airmail letter today."

It was, of course, most disappointing to the Committee that the fishing companies could not be persuaded to carry out the plan of taking over the custodianship of the remaining vessels, especially as we were led to believe that each member of the group was in agreement.

From the first, the Committee estimated that there would be a surplus of some three hundred of these vessels. There have been over a hundred vessels actually sold in the current month to date - twenty-eight in the last week, so the market potentialities cannot be considered as completely exhausted. The fishing companies have agreed to review their position again immediately and will endeavour to increase their purchases.

There are quite a number of vessels on which a low valuation has been placed by reason of their age or condition. We propose immediately offering the boats in this category to the small shipyards in groups, and indications are that we shall be able to dispose of a fair number in this way.

The Committee is keenly aware of the necessity of releasing Naval Service as quickly as possible, and it was with this in view that negotiations were confined to the principal fishing companies. These means having failed, the Committee has reviewed the entire situation and feels that we should carry on an intensive sales campaign for the next few weeks in order to completely exhaust the potential market and also reduce the residue to a practical storage problem.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries
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June 26, 1942.

It would now seem that if prompt transfer of custodianship is to be managed, it must be to one of the permanent departments of the Government; such as, the Department of Justice, the Department of State through the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property or the Department of Fisheries.

It should be borne in mind that the residue of the Fraser River fleet, which it is hoped might be reduced to one hundred vessels within a few weeks, will probably require storage over a considerable period. Storage at the present moorings or with vessels afloat at some other point would not be an economic method, and therefore our thought is that dry storage should be considered.

There are many places available along the Fraser River where a few acres of cleared land can be secured and the vessels pulled ashore and stored compactly at a comparatively small expense. With this done, a complete survey could readily be made and custodianship turned over to a permanent department.

We are awaiting advice from Commander Reid, Naval Officer in Charge, at Prince Rupert, as to the current position there. We shall make recommendations as to disposition of the vessels remaining in this district as soon as this is received and analysed.

Yours very truly,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.21 of June 18th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Attached also is a copy of a memorandum sent to the Honourable Minister of Fisheries, relative to the questionnaire presented in Parliament in March last by Tom Reid. This brings the matter up to date, and it occurred to us that it might be of interest to you.

Respectfully submitted,

A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 21 - June 18, 1942.

22 vessels only were sold during the week and four released to registered owners, bringing the total number released up to dat e to 970, or 77 per cent of the total number of vessels registered with the Committee.

The Committee's negotiations with the principal fishing companies which have the facilities for storing the remainder of the fishing fleet, are progressing favorably, but present indications are that we cannot hope to complete satisfactory details much before the end of the month.

The plan presently favored is that these companies will take over the custodianship of the remaining vessels at their present moorings, insofar as Fraser River boats are concerned, except a small group of vessels which are considered almost valueless,and which can be excluded and sold separately.

This residue of the fleet generally, consists of older vessels and of lower value than those already sold, which is indicated by the following figures:

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AVERAGE VALUE OF VESSELS - INCLUDING THOSE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CUSTODIAN OF ALIEN ENEMY PROPERTY

	Approximate Average Price	
	Vessels Sold	Vessels Remaining
Gill-Netters	$ 675.00	$ 380.00
Trollers	1644.00	672.00
Packers	2372.00	616.00
Miscellaneous	917.00	575.00

APPROXIMATE AGE OF VESSELS REMAINING

Hulls Only

1 to 5 years old	11%
6 " 10 " "	23%
11 " 15 " "	41%
16 " 20 " "	15%
Over 20 " "	10%

Shipping instructions have now been received for 5 additional British Admiralty Technical Mission fishing vessels which will go forward immediately. This leaves 5 of these vessels remaining to be shipped out of the original order of 20 vessels. No shipping instructions have yet been received for these.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

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W E E K L Y R E P O R T

No. 21 — Week ended June 18, 1942

Vessel Types -		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered -	Total to Date	62	121	828	144	95	1250
2. Requisitioned by Services	" " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners -	This Week	-	-	4	-	-	4
	Previously	8	3	113	5	27	156
	Total to Date	8	3	117	5	27	160
4. Completed Sales -	This Week	-	3	12	4	3	22
	Previously	36	37	540	81	35	729
	Total to Date	36	40	552	85	38	751
5. Total Vessels Released to Date -		54	54	677	118	67	970
6. Total Vessels Remaining at June 18th -		8	67	151	26	28	280

7. Value of Sales to Date - $914,950.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $723,871.70
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $660,216.34
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 9,149.49
11. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 1,792.00

12. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 472
13. " Appraised " " - 713

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
G - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

Vancouver Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March-Sept 1942 29-7(2)

MR. TOM REID, M.P. -- ENQUIRY IN PARLIAMENT - MARCH 1942.

Question

1. -----What was the total number of fishing boats collected from the Japanese, giving the numbers in each respective class of boats, such as seine boat, gill-net, packer, etc.?

Answer:

Seiners	Trollers	Gill-Netters	Packers	Miscellaneous	Total
62	121	828	144	95	1250

2.------How many of these boats have been disposed of by cash sale, giving each respective class of boat and the price paid in each instance?

Answer:

Summary of Vessel Sales to May 31.1942.
Including Custodian Vessels

	No.	Amount	Average Price
Seiners	38	$240,741.00	$6,335.29
Packers	79	187,413.60	2,372.32
Trollers	37	60,825.00	1,643.92
Gill-Netters	486	327,941.54	674.78
Unclassified	30	27,516.30	917.21
	670	$844,437.24	$1,260.35

Reconcilement with Monthly Reports -

Total as Above	$844,437.24
Sales of Nets, Camp	16,800.00
Misc. Row Boats, Wrecks, Etc.	348.00
	$861,585.24

3.------How many of the Japanese boats impounded have been found to have a lien or mortgage on them, held by individuals or companies?

Answer:
About 20 Per Cent.

4.------How many of these boats have been released to either individuals or companies on claims made by way of liens or mortgage?

Answer:
There have been very few instances where the amount of claim against the boat has equalled its sales value - about 6 vessels altogether.

5.------Have fishing companies to date registered claims either by way of lien or mortgage?

Answer:
The Committee has not accepted responsibility with respect to mortgage, liens, claims or charters. Registered vessels sold are subject to mortgage, if any, which remains a charge against the boat. On unregistered vessels, Committee's offices have co-operated with the purchaser to ascertain if there are any charges against the boat.

6.------If so, what fishing companies and on what number and type of boats?

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QUESTION
6 Cont'd

Answer:
See answer to No.5 above. Details not recorded.

7.------What is the value of the claims made by the various fishing companies?

Answer:
See anser to No.5 above. Details not recorded.

8.------Have any individual valuations been placed by the Committee on any of the boats offered for sale?

Answer:
The Committee's surveyors have placed value on the great majority of vessels, which values have been used by the Committee in promoting sales between the Japanese owners and purchasers.

9.------If so, how do the individual valuations compare with prices set on these boats by the Japanese?

Answer:
The original Japanese prices were too high, particularly on the smaller boats. On the larger boats the actual sales prices were very close to Committee's idea of price and were about 10% below the Japanese listed price. On the smaller boats, however, the surveyed price was about 40% lower than the price listed by Japanese; and up to the end of May the actual sales price has averaged about 8% above the surveyed price, termed by us as the "suggested negotiating price."

10.------If not, why were practical steps not taken to prevent prices being obtained which are above the present value of some of the boats?

Answer:
The policy followed by the Committee has been to promote a free negotiation between buyer and seller. A simple arbitration proceeding through the Committee was always available in the event of a dispute between buyer and seller as to price; and it is significant that of some 700 vessels sold to date, there has been only one case of arbitration, and this was settled by the Committee to the satisfaction of both parties.

11.------What facilities are in effect now to allow interested buyers to inspect these boats?

Answer:
Adequate ferry service is maintained between Pacific Terminals and the fishing fleet in the Fraser River and permits for inspection and the use of this service are issued through the offices of the Committee.

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D/F

June 17, 1942.

VIA AIR MAIL

Dear Ann:

You will remember writing me concerning the Stanley Park Shipyards Limited.

In accordance with my previous letter, I again brought their facilities to the attention of the appropriate officials and the Department of Munitions and Supply has requested their Shipbuilding Branch to arrange to have this Company inspected, with a view to their receiving tender forms in the future.

In order that the Company may be formally on record, I would suggest that they write directly to Mr. D.A. Clarke, Director General, Shipbuilding Branch, Department of Munitions and Supply, requesting that the facilities of their Company be surveyed.

Apparently the reason they were not requested to quote on construction previously was due to the fact that they were listed for repairs or wharfage space when required, and not for construction work.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

Mrs. Ann Thompson,
445 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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THE MINISTER OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY
OTTAWA, CANADA

June 15th, 1942.

Personal.

Dear Miss Dixon:

I have your letter of the 10th instant, with further reference to the Stanley Park Shipyards Limited, which company has been apparently overlooked in connection with recent calls for tenders. I believe that this was due to the fact that this company was listed "when repairs or wharfage space are required", as requested in your letter of April 20th. I am, however, asking our Shipbuilding Branch to arrange to have the facilities of this company inspected with a view to their receiving tender forms in the future.

In order that the company may be formally on record, it might be advisable for them to write Mr. D. A. Clarke, Director General, Shipbuilding Branch, Department of Munitions and Supply, requesting that the facilities of their company be surveyed.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Dixon
Acting Private Secretary.

Miss A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary to the
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa, Ont.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee:
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AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A.Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.20 of June 11th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
Encl.1.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

Vancouver Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March-Sept 1942 29-7(2)

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES
No. 80 - June 11, 1942

34 vessels were sold during the week and one released to the registered owner. A total of 944 have been released to date, or 75% of the total number of vessels registered with the Committee.

In seeking a practicable method of securing prompt disposal of the remaining fishing vessels, the interests of the fishing companies which have purchased 80% of the vessels already sold, those of individual fishermen and those of the Japanese owners have been considered.

The Committee has had in mind a question raised by the fishing companies at a meeting with the Committee last February, when apprehension was expressed as to the effect on the value of vessels purchased, should the Committee at some later time dispose of surplus vessels at distressed prices. At this meeting it was agreed by the Committee that when this time arrived, the various interests would be consulted before taking any action that might be detrimental to the purchases made.

Since the fishing industry and the people have now been given every reasonable opportunity to secure vessels by purchase through free negotiation with owners, the Committee is of the opinion that the vessels now remaining must be disposed of promptly, particularly for the reason that the Naval Service should be relieved of the custodianship in order that the personnel now so occupied can be assigned more important duties.

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With this in view, the Committee has under discussion with the fishing companies, which have facilities for properly storing and maintaining these surplus vessels, the following plan:

The companies are being urged to purchase additional vessels to the limit of their ability, at prices fixed by the Committee, and based on surveys made by the Committee's experienced surveyors.

After a short time when this means of disposal has been exhausted, the Committee is requesting the fishing companies to accept custodianship of all the remaining vessels and to assume responsibility for ordinary maintenance under the provisions;

That such vessels will be available for sale from their place of storage to any eligible purchaser;

And that as compensation for the care and maintenance of vessels, the companies concerned be credited for an annual amount to be agreed upon, for each vessel so stored, until the expiry of the arrangement.

This is merely an outline of the plan being promulgated, and we believe it will be favorably considered by the companies. The operating managers of the principal companies have gone to their northern canneries, Prince Rupert, Skeena River, and Rivers Inlet this week, and on their return next week it is expected we shall be able to deal with the proposal to a conclusion with reasonable despatch.

AEM/PH.

A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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WEEKLY REPORT

No. 20 — Week ended June 11, 1942

		Vessel Types - A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	828	144	95	1250
2. Requisitioned by Services	- " " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Previously	8	3	112	5	27	155
	Total to Date	8	3	113	5	27	156
4. Completed Sales	This Week	-	-	30	2	2	34
	Previously	36	37	510	79	33	695
	Total to Date	36	37	540	81	35	729
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	54	51	661	114	64	944
6. Total Vessels Remaining at June 11th	-	8	70	167	30	31	306

7. Value of Sales to Date - $891.715.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $703,180.97
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $646,732.49
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 8,917.14
11. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 1,659.50

13. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 460
14 " Appraised " " 713

SYMBOLS
A - Seiners
B - Trollers
G - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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MEMORANDUM

J.F.V.D.C.

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TO The Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.

FROM A. E. McMaster

DATE June 9, 1942.

SUBJECT Weekly Letter

SUBMITTED:

After mailing Weekly Letter No.19 of June 4th, it was found that an error had been made in the average prices as shown; therefore, we attach hereto a corrected page which kindly substitute.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

AEM/PH.
Encl.

In sending you herewith please substitute this sheet as directed

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.19 of June 4,1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

AMENDED REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES
No. 19 - June 4, 1942

51 vessels were sold during the week, and with no other releases this brings the total number of vessels released to date to 909, or 72 per cent of the total registered with the Committee.

Very few vessels have been sold for other than fishing purposes, which was the position we anticipated on account of gasoline restrictions and the unsuitability of the vessels for general purposes.

A number of active negotiations are still under way, indicating continued interest of fishermen and fishing companies in acquiring vessels, but as stated in previous reports, the Committee is developing a plan with the object of accelerating disposition of the remainder of the fleet, a report on which will be included in our next Weekly Letter.

The average prices paid on vessels sold to May 31st were as follows:

Seiners	33	$6181.39
Packers	79	2372.32
Trollers	37	1643.92
Unclassified	30	915.54
Gill-Netters	483	672.84
All Classes	662	$1215.51 — ?

10 of the British Admiralty Technical Mission Vessels selected, and prepared for shipment by the Committee, have gone forward. This leaves 10 vessels, and shipping instructions have not yet been received for these.

AEM/PH.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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WEEKLY REPORT

No. 19 — Week ended June 4, 1942

Vessel Types -		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	828	144	95	1250
2. Requisitioned by Services	- " " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previously	8	3	112	5	27	155
	Total to Date	8	3	112	5	27	155
4. Completed Sales	This Week		1	25	1	4	31
	Previously	36	36	485	78	29	664
	Total to Date	36	37	510	79	33	695
5. Total Vessels Released to Date		54	51	630	112	62	909
6. Total Vessels Remaining at June 4th		8	70	198	32	33	341

7. Value of Sales to Date - $873,740.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $685,205.97
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $640,439.29
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 8,737.39
11. Amount Paid to Receiver General to Date - $ 8,455.41
12. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 1,564.50

13. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 447
14 " Appraised " " 713

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

Vancouver Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March - Sept 1942 29-7(2)

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June 6th, 1942.

AIR MAIL

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. C. Norman Senior,
Private Secretary,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Norman:-

You will recall that I wrote you a short time ago with regard to our friend Mr. Wm. Ellison and the Park Shipyards Ltd., (formerly Stanley Park Shipyards), and you were kine enough to make representations on his behalf to the proper departments.

Mr. Ellison was telling me yesterday that the Bensons Shipyards here have just received an order for five 40-ft. Oil Tank Boats but so far he has not heard from anyone or been asked to give a quotation on any work. Do you think it would be possible for him to be given a chance to quote on some of the work that is being done around here, or given a share of the repair work that is being done right along? He would appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Thompson

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Vancouver Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March-Sept 1942 29-7(2)

June 10th, 1942.

Dear Ann,

I have your letter of June 6th concerning Stanley Park Shipyards Limited.

The facilities of this Company were brought to the attention of all the departments which would be interested in boat repairs or construction.

I am again writing the Department of Munitions and Supply as I presume that any contract for the building of the Oil Tank Boats, to which you refer, would be placed through that Department. In the meantime, I would suggest that Mr. Ellison communicate with the Department direct, advising them that he is desirous of quoting on any future requirements, and giving an outline of the work he is in a position to carry out.

Yours very truly,

C. N. Senior
Private Secretary.

Mrs. Ann Thompson,
445 Granville St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

d/l

Vancouver Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March - Sept 1942 99-7(2)

June 10th, 1942.

Dear Mr. Bryson,

On April 20th I brought to your attention the facilities of the Stanley Park Shipyards Limited, and you advised me on April 21st that this Company had been brought to the attention of your Shipbuilding Division.

I am now in receipt of information that the Bensons Shipyards have received an order for five 40-ft Oil Tank Boats, and that Mr. Ellison of the Stanley Park Shipyards has not as yet been given an opportunity to quote on any such work.

It would be appreciated if you would again bring the facilities of this company to the attention of the appropriate officials of your Department in order that this Company may be given an opportunity to quote.

If there is any one in your Department to whom the Company should apply for an opportunity to bid, I would appreciate your advising me.

Yours very truly,

T. M. Bryson, Esquire,
Acting Private Secretary to the
Minister of Munitions & Supply,
Ottawa, Ontario.

(Miss) A. Dixon
Associate Private Secretary.

d/l

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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May 29, 1942.

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AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No. 18 of May 28th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

Acknowledge

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No.18 - May 28, 1942

During the current week 28 vessels were sold and one released to registered owner, making a total of 878 vessels released in all to date, or 70 per cent of the total registered with the Committee.

The opening of sales to the public has had the effect of stimulating further sales to the fishing companies, and while a number of negotiations are under way for sales for other purposes, it is not expected these sales will be numerous, principally by reason of gasoline restrictions limiting utility.

Commander Johnson leaves for the East at the week-end to take up his new naval appointment. We now have your approval that the Commander will remain as a member of the Committee for consultation purposes.

The Committee has under consideration and study a further plan for accelerating the disposal of the balance of the fishing fleet, and will communicate details to you as soon as these have been further developed.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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Vancouver Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March-Sept 1942 29-7(2)

WEEKLY REPORT

No. 18 — Week ended May 28, 1942.

		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	828	144	95	1250
2. Requisitioned by Services	" " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Previously	8	3	111	5	27	154
	Total to Date	8	3	112	5	27	155
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	-	1	25	1	1	28
	Previously	36	35	460	77	28	636
	Total to Date	36	36	485	78	29	664
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	54	50	605	111	58	878
6. Vessels Remaining at May 28th	-	8	71	223	33	37	372

7. Value of Sales to Date - $856,010.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $667,564.15
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $626,028.04
10. Amount Paid to Receiver General to Date - $ 8,455.41
11. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 8,560.09
12. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 1,544.50

13. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 468
14. Vessels Appraised to Date - 713

SYMBOLS
A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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Ottawa, 27th May, 1942

Dear Mr. McMaster,-

This acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of Weekly Report No. 17 of May 21st, 1942, covering the activities of your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

A. E. McMaster, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
1528 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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May 22, 1942.

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.17 of May 21st, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 17 - May 21,1942

During the current week 31 vessels were sold with no other releases; therefore, we have a total of 96 vessels sold and 10 released during the month of May to date, and the grand total of 849 vessels released, or 68 per cent of the new total of 1250 vessels now set up as registered with the Committee.

The Committee's exploration of the additional needs of the Fishing Industry, indicates that insofar as impounded Japanese fishing vessels are concerned, the releases already consummated to the industry insures that production will not suffer by reason of such impoundment.

As the Committee now has your approval that sales be thrown open to the general public, we are advertising through the daily press that this policy will go into effect on Monday the 25th instant. Copy of this advertisement is attached.

7 more of the boats selected for the British Admiralty Technical Mission have been ordered forward, and will be shipped at once. All of these vessels are already included under those shown as "Requisitioned by Services" on attached statement.

AEM/PH.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

Vancouver Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March-Sept 1942 29-7(2)

WEEKLY REPORT

No. 17 — Week ended May 21, 1942.

		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	828	144	95	1250
2. Requisitioned by Services	" " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previously	8	3	111	5	27	154
	Total to Date	8	3	111	5	27	154
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	2	3	24	1	1	31
	Previously	34	32	436	76	27	605
	Total to Date	36	35	460	77	28	636
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	54	49	579	110	57	849
6. Vessels Remaining at May 21st	-	8	72	249	34	38	401

7. Value of Sales to Date - $836,897.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $648,451.15
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $614,124.46
10. Remittances to Receiver General to Date - $ 8,390.41
11. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 8,368.96
12. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 1,394.50

13. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 456
14. " Appraised " - 713

SYMBOLS
A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS

NOW FOR SALE

To General Public

Up to the present, the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee has released these vessels only when assured they were to be used in the Fishing Industry of British Columbia.

COMMENCING NEXT MONDAY, MAY 25TH, SALES WILL BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Over 400 vessels are available for sale, including Gill-Netters, Trollers, and small Packers.

Details of vessels and passes for inspection, may be freely obtained by applying to the offices of the Committee at 1528 Marine Building.

WHENEVER NECESSARY THE COMMITTEE WILL ARBITRATE DIFFERENCES AS TO PRICES, AND WILL SET A PRICE AT WHICH THE VESSEL MUST BE SOLD.

Japanese Fishing Vessels
DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Vancouver, B.C.
May 14, 1942

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee:
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH
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May 15, 1942.

AIR MAIL

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The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.16 of May 14th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 16 - May 14,1942

During the current week 40 vessels were sold and 5 released to owners, making a grand total of 818 vessels released to date, or over 70 per cent of those registered with the Committee.

In our Weekly Reports we have included under the caption "Vessels Registered", only those for which we had succeeded in obtaining description and other data, including names of owners. There is a substantial number of boats for which this information has not yet been secured, so that in all it is quite probable that the original estimate of 1250 boats must eventually be disposed of by the Committee. Various sources are being explored for the missing data.

The Committee's plan of making available to the individual fishermen, term purchase arrangements, has had the effect of temporarily stimulating sales, but in all cases cash payments were ultimately preferred by purchaser. The opportunity for term payment was presented, however; and as the Committee will probably recommend opening sales opportunities to other uses than fishing, the following telegram was sent to you today:

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"SALES OF FISHING BOATS HAVE FALLEN OFF TO AVERAGE OF FIVE PER DAY WHICH RATE IS EXPECTED TO FALL SHARPLY AS SEASON APPROACHES STOP THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS OF ACCELERATING SALES AND EXPECT TO RECOMMEND TO THE MINISTER THAT TUG AND LOGGING COMPANIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC BE INVITED TO TENDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROUTINE LETTER APRIL THIRTEENTH STOP ALL UNSOLD BOATS HAVE BEEN PRICED BY COMPETENT SURVEYORS AND ARE LABELLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMITTEES VIEWS USING SURVEYORS VALUATIONS AS BASIS"

Three of the boats selected for the British Admiralty Technical Mission were shipped during the week, and four additional boats are now ready, awaiting shipping instructions.

The method of assembling claims for damage and loss to fishing vessels, has been approved and the offices of the Committee are now submitting these regularly.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

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WEEKLY REPORT

No. 16 Week ended May 14, 1942

Vessel Types -		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	718	144	95	1140
2. Requisitioned by Services	- " " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	-	3	-	2	5
	Previously	8	3	108	5	25	149
	Total to Date	8	3	111	5	27	154
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	1	6	30	1	2	40
	Previously	33	26	406	75	25	565
	Total to Date	34	32	436	76	27	605
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	52	46	555	109	56	818
6. Vessels Remaining at May 14th	-	10	75	163	35	39	322

7. Value of Sales to Dat e - $795,647.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $626,515.45
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $589,887.69
10. Remittances to Receiver General to Date - $ 8,390.41
11. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 7,956.46
12. Survey Charges Collected to Date - $ 1,309.50
13. Vessels Surveyed to Date - 387
14. " Appraised " " - 713

SYMBOLS
A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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MINISTER'S OFFICE May 5, 1942.

MEMORANDUM: The Associate Deputy Minister

Attached hereto is correspondence from A.E. McMaster, Executive Assistant, Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, concerning the disposal of these vessels.

After perusal, would you please return the correspondence for our files.

(Miss) A. Dixon,
D/F Associate Private Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

MINISTER'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM:

Miss Dixon —

Acknowledge & with thanks.

Pass to Mr Woods for information & return to our files. Thanks.

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D/F

Ottawa, May 5, 1942.

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant, concerning the disposal of Japanese Fishing Vessels.

Please accept my thanks for forwarding me this additional information.

Yours very truly,

A.E. McMaster, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal
Committee,
1528 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE ASSOC. DEPUTY MINISTER

MEMORANDUM: 6-5-42.

Miss A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

Correspondence returned herewith,
with thanks.

W. S. Woods
Associate Deputy Minister.

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NOTICE
To Fishermen

The Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee have for disposal the following vessels:

10 SEINERS
80 TROLLERS
200 GILL-NETTERS
30 PACKERS

These boats have been valued and marked at reasonable negotiating prices.

Prospective purchasers who undertake to employ these vessels in the fishing industry of British Columbia, will be given all available assistance to facilitate their purchases and to ARRANGE MORTGAGES, if they will apply in person at the offices of the Committee at 1528 Marine Building, Vancouver.

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Vancouver, B.C.
May 1, 1942.

A. E. McMASTER
Executive Assistant

Circular No. 3

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Hon. Mr. Justice Smith	
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Hon. Ian Mackenzie, K.C.

larger fishing companies at least, no interest is charged on the unpaid amounts.

Large Seiners and Packers have been principally purchased outright by the fishing companies owing to the large investment involved. These vessels are generally operated by fishermen on a share basis.

Trollers are principally purchased by individual fishermen who sell their product in the open market.

Halibut boats are frequently purchased with the assistance of companies selling fishing gear, the fishermen being afforded the opportunity of clearing their ownership by gradual liquidation of monies advanced.

To help those fishermen who wish to remain independent of specific companies, the Committee has arranged with a Trust Company to act as collecting agents for those Japanese owners who are willing to accept part payment with the balance secured by mortgage and protected by Marine Insurance.

This system may cost the independent fisherman a little more than by the company system of financing, but it gives him the opportunity of remaining independent in his sale of product.

Summarizing the foregoing it is reasonable to assume that with average fishing conditions over a period of one or two seasons, a goodly percentage of the vessels released by the Committee should be under the ownership of individual fishermen.

A copy of circular No.3, which is designed and circulated especially for the independent fishermen, is attached.

Respectfully submitted.

A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Re DISPOSAL OF JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ultimo addressed to the Honourable Mr. Justice Smith and his letter to you of the 27th ultimo herein.

Mr. Justice Smith has asked us to supplement his reply by briefly outlining the general position as to the nature of new ownership in the vessels released through the Committee, therefore we respectfully submit the following:

An analysis of over 500 of these vessels sold through the offices of the Committee to date, shows that approximately 80% were sold to the principal fishing companies; the balance or 20% directly to individual fishermen. These figures, however, do not properly reflect the actual position of ultimate vessel ownership, in that in the case of the small boats, particularly the Gill-netter type, the companies have purchased almost entirely in behalf of individual fishermen, owing to the inability of these men to finance these purchases with their own resources.

The companies have advised the Committee that they were not interested in purchasing these small boats as such, but in order to ensure that the production of the industry did not suffer serious curtailment by reason of the impounding of Japanese vessels, they recognize their responsibility in financing eligible fishermen in securing boats.

In purchasing vessels of this type through the Committee, selections of individual vessels were made, in most cases, in conjunction with individual fishermen, to whom the companies immediately resold under conditional sales agreements, providing for the repayment of actual purchase price over a reasonable period. This period is not burdensome, frequently extending over two or more fishing seasons; and we are informed that in the case of the

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS

The Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal 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, of 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 the buyer, 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 the vendor and the purchaser, the Committee will arbitrate the differences. IF THE VENDOR DOES NOT AGREE TO ARBITRATE, THE COMMITTEE WILL SET A PRICE AT WHICH THE VESSEL MUST BE SOLD.

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 CAN NOW BE OBTAINED:

(a) AT THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICES, 1528 MARINE BUILDING, VANCOUVER.

(b) IN THE CASE OF RESIDENTS OF NEW WESTMINSTER OR VICINITY, BY APPLYING BY LETTER, TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE, WHO WILL ARRANGE THAT PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NAVAL OFFICE, PACIFIC COAST TERMINALS, NEW WESTMINSTER, ON PRODUCTION OF THE PROPER CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION CARDS.

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 office will assist in supplying the information. THE PROCEDURE WILL THEN BE THAT OUTLINED IN ABOVE PARAGRAPHS.

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) The 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 endeavour to have Japanese owners, OR ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES, communicate with the prospective purchaser. IF THIS CONTACT CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED, THE PURCHASER SHALL BE INFORMED, AND HE SHOULD THEN CALL ON THE COMMITTEE OR SEND HIS ACCREDITED AGENT WITH AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE; AND EITHER PARTY WILL THEN RECEIVE FULL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMMITTEE.

All communications should be addressed to the Committee.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Vancouver, B.C.
March 30, 1942.

A. E. McMASTER,
Executive Assistant.

CIRCULAR NO. 2

All changes from Circular No. 1 are shown in bold type.

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The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.14 of April 30th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 15 - May 7, 1942

During the current week 25 vessels were sold and 5 released to owners, making a grand total of 773 vessels released to date, or about 68 per cent of those registered with the Committee.

The Committee, in an endeavour to facilitate the purchase of boats by independent fishermen of small means, has arranged a system by which, with the co-operation of vendor and purchaser, the latter can attain ownership of a boat on payment of one-third of the agreed purchase price, the balance to be secured to the vendor on a seven per cent mortgage; the vendor's interest to be further protected by full marine insurance, costing five to eight per cent, depending on the number of boats offering. The Montreal Trust Company will act as collecting agents for the mortager. Their charge is five per cent on collections only,and is a charge against the vendor.

This plan is not expected to be an unqualified success, but it will be an answer to the criticism of the uninformed, who are reported to allege that the poor man has not been considered. The large fishing companies are reported to be selling boats on much more liberal terms.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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WEEKLY REPORT

No. 15 Week ended May 7, 1942

		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	718	144	95	1140
2. Requisitioned by Services	- " " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	-	5	-	-	5
	Previously	8	3	103	5	25	144
	Total to Date	8	3	108	5	25	149
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	2	1	20	1	1	25
	Previously	31	25	386	74	24	540
	Total to Date	33	26	406	75	25	565
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	51	40	522	108	52	773
6. Vessels Remaining at May 7th	-	11	81	196	36	43	367

7. Value of Sales to Date - $762,897.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date - $593,767.79
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date - $569,078.55
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1% - $ 7,628.96
11. Survey Charges - $ 1,182.00

12. Vessels Surveyed - Total to Date - 362
13. " Appraised " " " - 713

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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May 8, 1942.

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.15 of May 7th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURBLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 14 - April 30, 1942

During the current week 40 vessels were sold and 4 released to registered owners after verification of ownership. This makes a total release of vessels to date of 743, or about 65 per cent of the total registered with the Committee.

65%

We are further confirmed in opinions previously expressed, that the fishing industry as a whole, has now acquired the greater part of these Japanese fishing vessels in which they will be interested, and as a consequence, the Committee will shortly consider the advisability of recommending to the Minister of Fisheries that the remaining vessels be offered for sale to the general public.

An analysis of the vessels sold to date, shows that approximately 80% were purchased by the principal fishing companies and 20% by individual fishermen. However, these figures do not reflect the actual position of ultimate ownership in that in the case of gill-netter type and other small boats, which constitute the great preponderance of sales, the fishing companies have purchased almost entirely on behalf of specific individual fishermen who were unable to finance these purchases with their own resources.

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The general policy followed by the fishing companies in these cases, is to immediately resell the vessels to these fishermen at the price for which they were purchased, under a conditional sales agreement, giving them a reasonable period in which to acquire complete ownership. We are advised that no interest is charged by the companies on the unpaid balances.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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No. 14 Week ended April 30, 1942.

	Vessel Types -	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	718	144	95	1140
2. Requisitioned by Services	" " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	-	2	-	2	4
	Previously	8	3	101	5	23	140
	Total to Date	8	3	103	5	25	144
4. Completed Sales	This Week	-	-	37	1	2	40
	Previously	31	25	349	73	22	500
	Total to Date	31	25	386	74	24	540
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	49	39	497	107	51	743
6. Vessels Remaining at April 30th	-	13	82	221	37	44	397

7. Value of Sales to Date	$728,342.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date	$576,102.31
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date	$548,591.95
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1%	$ 7,283.41
11. Survey Charges	$ 1,162.00
12. Vessels Surveyed - Total to Date	342
13. " Appraised " " "	707

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SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
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C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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OTTAWA, May 8, 1942.

J. G. Turgeon, Esquire, M.P.,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Turgeon:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 1st with further reference to the utilization of the Japanese Fishing Fleet for the re-establishment of ex-service men in the fishing industry.

The Associate Deputy Minister has asked for a report from Mr. Derby, the District Administrator of this Department in Vancouver, based upon an interview by the Welfare Officer and a representative of the fishing industry, of those men discharged from the present war who are registered at the Employment Service.

The purpose of this interview is to determine whether sufficient numbers of the right type exist to undertake a training programme in the fishing industry. This report should shortly be to hand and I would suggest that further action be deferred until its receipt.

I am informed at the beginning of this month there were only 79 men discharged from the present war registered as unemployed in Vancouver, a number of whom are temporarily incapacitated and others lacking the necessary physique to undertake this form of occupation. However, Mr. Derby's report will give us a closer picture of the situation.

I understand that Mr. Woods, the Associate Deputy Minister, is arranging to visit Vancouver in connection with other Departmental matters on Thursday and Friday, June 4th and 5th. I would suggest, therefore, that the question of bringing Mr. McGillivray down here be deferred for the time being.

Yours very truly,

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OTTAWA, May 7, 1942.

to -

Associate Deputy Minister.

With reference to previous correspondence, I am attaching, for your information, letter from J.G. Turgeon, M.P., dated May 1st, concerning the establishment of ex-servicemen in the fishing industry.

The Minister would appreciate your comments. Please return Mr. Turgeon's letter with your reply.

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

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Ottawa, Ontario.

May 1st, 1942.

Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C., M.P.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Minister:

Thanks for your letter of 30th April answering mine of the 25th urging the establishment of ex-service men in the fishing industry.

I am glad that the Legion's suggestion is receiving careful and favourable consideration from your Department. I note that the Department's preliminary information suggests that the number of men, already discharged who are desirous and capable of entering into the fishing industry, is small. The training that has been recommended by the Legion would most certainly add to the number of discharged men who are capable of earning a good living by fishing.

May I suggest that those boats which are owned by the Japanese at Steveston should be withheld from sale for a short time, while Your Department is examining the general proposal. It should not take long for a decision to be reached in this matter.

Mr. A. McGillivray, Chairman of the Vancouver Zone Council of the Canadian Legion, is Chairman of a sub-committee set up by the Legion to deal with the proposal concerning establishment of returned soldiers in the fishing industry. Mr. McGillivray is himself a fisherman, and has full knowledge of the life of a fisherman and of the qualifications and experiences required to make a good fisherman. He will know also just what sort of living a

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newly-trained returned soldier may expect in this industry. He will also know about how many experienced fishermen there are among the soldiers already returned.

I recommend that your Department ask Mr. McGillivray to come to Ottawa for the purpose of discussing the Legion's proposals with you and your officials in an informal and informative manner.

With best personal regards,

Yours faithfully,

J.G. Turgeon

J.G. Turgeon, M.P.

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Copy of Mr. Turgeon's letter and Minister's reply sent to Mr. Woods.

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Ottawe, 30th April, 1942

Dear Gray,-

This acknowledges your letter of April 25th.

Your suggestion that some provision be made for establishing ex-service men in the fishing industry has already received careful consideration. The Department of Fisheries is favourably disposed towards such a programme, as are the officers of my own Department.

Enquiry as to the available number of men is now under way, but the preliminary information suggests that the number of men already discharged who are desirous and capable of entering into this industry is very small. In view of the uncertainty as to the duration of the war, there is doubt as to the wisdom of reserving the Japanese boats for possibly a long period. As a matter of fact, there has been a good demand for these boats for current use, and it might not be in the national interest to keep them out of use at this time.

However, the subject is receiving continued study from a very sympathetic standpoint and your observations are most welcome. They are being referred to my Associate Deputy Minister who is giving his entire time to the subject of rehabilitation.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. Turgeon, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
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Ottawa, Ontario.

April 25, 1942.

Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C., M.P.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Minister:

We have already had conversations concerning the very strong movement in British Columbia, particularly among veterans of the last war, to have the Pacific coast fishing industry made available to returned soldiers of the present war through governmental planning and financial assistance.

You personally agree with the proposal, which has my strongest possible support. I write for the purpose of urging you to do everything you can to make this means of rehabilitation available to our returning men, and to offer you my services in this regard in any way in which you think I might be useful.

After the termination of the last war, Colonel C.W. Peck, V.C., then Member of the House of Commons for Skeena, B.C., and my father, then Member for Gloucester, N.B., a fishing district on the Atlantic Ocean, moved and seconded a Motion asking that the Canadian Government give financial assistance to returned soldiers who desired to enter the fishing industry. Their Motion was withdrawn at the request of the then Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden. It is not necessary for me to point out how much happier west coast fishing conditions would be today if their suggestion had been accepted.

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You, as Minister of Pensions and National Health, your colleagues in the Cabinet, the Commons Committee on Pensions of last Session, and the Inter-departmental Committtee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation, have jointly done much to improve the position of returned soldiers, both of the last war and of this one. Definite measures have been passed to make certain that returning soldiers will not be discriminated against because of impairment of health or strength which naturally accompanies war; and steps are being taken to facilitate the entry of our returned men into various phases of industrial, agricultural and other activities.

The fishing industry is one of great value to us. At the present moment, it is one of deep concern both to Canada and to Great Britain, because the people of the British Isles are in dire need of fish as food. In spite of our great need for fish, it would have been criminal to allow the Japanese to remain in the British Columbia fishing business, not only because Japan was at war with us, but because fishermen are in such excellent position to make contact with military forces at sea and in the air. Their knowledge of the Coast would have permitted them to render invaluable service to the enemy.

The withdrawal of the Japanese fishermen has created a condition which must be remedied. But it has made it physically possible, however, for the government to place Canadian returned soldiers in an essential industry, one which is so vital in war time both because of its production and because of its value as an Intelligence Service to the Armed Forces.

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But immediate action is necessary if some of the still unsold Japanese boats are to be made available for soldiers who will be trained to become fishermen. May I, therefore, solicit your early and most earnest consideration of this question. I feel that one who has personal knowledge of British Columbia conditions will agree with the recommendation covered so well by the memorandum of the Committee of which Mr. A.M. McGillivray is Chairman, which memo has been sent to Mr. Walter Woods, one of your Deputy Ministers.

With best personal regards,

Yours faithfully,

J.G. Turgeon

J.G. Turgeon, M.P.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
C a n a d a

Ottawa, Ontario,
April 25, 1942

Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Minister,-

We have already had conversations concerning the very strong movement in British Columbia, particularly among veterans of the last war, to have the Pacific Coast fishing industry made available to returned soldiers of the present war through governmental planning and financial assistance.

You personally agree with the proposal, which has my strongest possible support. I write for the purpose of urging you to do everything you can to make this means of rehabilitation available to our returning men, and to offer you my services in this regard in any way in which you think I might be useful.

After the termination of the last war, Colonel C. W. Peck, V.C., then Member of the House of Commons for Skeena, B.C., and my father, then Member for Gloucester, N.B., a fishing district on the Atlantic Ocean, moved and seconded a motion asking that the Canadian Government give financial assistance to returned soldiers who desired to enter the fishing industry. Their motion was withdrawn at the request of the then Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden. It is not necessary for me to point out how much happier west coast fishing conditions would be today if their suggestion had been accepted.

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With best personal regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. G. Turgeon.

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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE ASSOC. DEPUTY MINISTER

29-7(2)

MEMORANDUM:

April 28, 1942.

Mr. C. N. Senior,
Private Secretary,
Office of the Minister.

I am returning to you herewith your file on the Japanese Fishing Fleet together with copy of a letter I have written to Mr. Derby and also to Mr. McGillivray, Chairman of the Vancouver Zone Council of the Canadian Legion.

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

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OTTAWA, April 28, 1942.

Mr. George Derby,
District Administrator,
Department of Pensions & National Health,
Shaughnessy Hospital,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Re: Japanese Fishing Fleet

I have read with interest your letter of March 30th on the above subject and have discussed it with the Minister, and I am now enclosing copy of a letter I have written to Mr. McGillivray, Chairman of the Vancouver Zone Council, which is self-explanatory.

I wonder if you would be good enough to arrange with a representative of the fishing industry together with Mr. Parry, to interview those discharged men who are registered at the Employment Service in order to determine whether sufficient numbers of the right type exist to undertake a training programme in the fishing industry.

If they do exist in sufficient numbers to warrant it, the feasibility should then be discussed with the Regional Director of the War Emergency Training Programme so that they concur in the training facilities and arrangements.

You will observe that I have not quoted you in my letter to Mr. McGillivray as I felt this would be embarrassing.

I should be glad to hear from you further in due course.

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER
OTTAWA

April 22, 1942.

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Honourable the Minister.

With reference to the attached file on the subject of the disposal of Japanese fishing vessels, I presume that, in due course, you will receive from the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries his views on the proposal of the Canadian Legion that this fleet be utilized for the rehabilitation of discharged men.

It is observed that the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee consider the plan submitted by the Canadian Legion impracticable in its present form, although they feel there may be merit in an arrangement with the principal fishing companies whereby discharged men are given training or apprenticeship in that occupation.

When the Canadian Legion proposal was received by me I referred them to the Disposal Committee and, at the same time, I referred the matter to Mr. Derby, our District Administrator.

The information Mr. Derby was able to secure as to the number of instructors that would be necessary, the length of time it would take to train men and the type and number to be trained was indefinite.

Mr. Derby also points out that at the beginning of the current month there were only seventy-two discharged men from the present war registered with us in Vancouver. Undoubtedly a percentage of these would be quite unsuited to the occupation of fisherman. It would, no doubt, be in the Country's interest that this fleet, so far as it can be done, be manned by men of non-Asiatic origin but just at present, because of the necessity of quick action and the comparatively small number of men discharged from this war available, immediate steps to acquire ships and appoint instructors from amongst veterans of the Great War would not appear to be practicable.

There is no difficulty, at the present time, in placing men discharged from the present war, provided they are capable of and willing to work. Each month we are placing in employment a number equivalent to those discharged during that month and as time goes on it would seem that manpower will be more in demand.

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Mr. Derby feels that when men are coming back in greater numbers after the war, further consideration should be given to this plan. In the meantime, if any of the men being discharged from the present war are anxious to learn the fishing business on a training or apprenticeship basis, as suggested by the Disposal Committee, our Rehabilitation Order can be used for this purpose, and I propose to advise Mr. Derby that it would be as well for him and the Welfare Officer of this Department to discuss the question of training men under P.C. 7633 with the Regional Director of the War Emergency Training Programme and representatives of the fishing industry, so that equitable terms are agreed upon.

If you concur in this, will you please so advise me? Will you also please advise me if you wish this Department's decision in the matter to be communicated by me to the Canadian Legion or will you do this yourself since representations were made, I understand, to you while you were at the Coast?

Yes
Yes

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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Attachs.

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April 28, 1942.

Mr. A. McGillivray,
Chairman, Vancouver Zone Council,
The Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L.,
119 West Pender St.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

On receipt of your letter of March 5th enclosing a memorandum on a plan to rehabilitate ex-service men in the fishing industry by utilizing the Japanese fishing fleet, I suggested to you that your Council approach the Chairman of the Japanese Fishing Fleet Disposal Committee.

This Committee, as you are aware, is reporting to the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, and it is their opinion that whilst the proposal submitted by your Council presents certain difficulties, there might be merit in an arrangement with the principal fishing companies to train discharged men through some form of apprenticeship in the fishing industry.

There is nothing in our Re-establishment Order, P.C.7633, that would prevent men being placed in the industry as trainees provided they are available. In this connection I should point out that there were only 72 men discharged from the present war registered with us in Vancouver at the beginning of the present month and ~~these~~ of these undoubtedly many are unsuited by temperament or physique to become fishermen.

Placements in industry are being found without much difficulty for those who are capable, and each month there are being placed in employment a number equivalent to those being discharged during that month, and as time goes on it would seem that manpower is going to be more in demand.

When physically fit men are coming back in greater numbers after the war, it would seem that some further consideration should be given to this plan.

In the meantime I am asking Mr. Derby and our Welfare Officer, Mr. Parry, to discuss with the Regional Director of the War Emergency Training Programme and representatives of the fishing industry, the possibility of placing men discharged from the present war on an apprenticeship basis in the fishing industry.

To what extent such men exist it is difficult for us to say, but after interviewing many men being discharged from the service at other points in the Dominion I am inclined to think it would be the exception who is sufficiently robust to undertake work of this kind, and I am afraid they certainly do not exist in such numbers as would warrant our purchasing ships and engaging Great War Veterans as instructors at the present time.

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I have no doubt you will be keeping in touch with Mr. Derby in his examination of the question as to whether there are sufficient discharged men available of the right type to be placed in training in the industry.

Yours very truly,

W. S. Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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COPY TO MR. DERBY,
D.A., VANCOUVER.

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Vancouver, B. C.,
27th April, 1942.

The Honourable Ian MacKenzie, K. C.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Mr. MacKenzie:

Re. Japanese Fishing Vessels Committee.

I have your letter of 22nd April.

The Committee has always had definitely before it the desirability of giving every opportunity to independent white fishermen to purchase these vessels. This has been made clear to such fishermen, also to the companies. Indeed, the companies were asked and agreed to finance such fishermen for this purpose.

The Committee has also recently had posted on the pilot house window of each vessel a sign showing the approximate purchase price. This was purely for the assistance of white fishermen who were inspecting the various vessels and who would find it an advantage to have this information immediately before them.

I appreciate the importance of your inquiry and have therefore asked Mr. McMaster, the Executive Assistant, to send you a closer analysis of the position.

With compliments,

Yours very truly,

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April 28, 1942.

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ann:-

I am enclosing, for your information, copy of a memorandum which has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B.C., in regard to the Stanley Park Shipyards.

This is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

Mrs. Ann Thompson,
445 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Miss Dixon,

For your information.

Doris L. Bentley
Private Secretary.

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N.S. 834-1-10

April 22nd, 1942.

Memorandum:

The Department has been advised that the Stanley Park Shipyards, Limited, 1969 West Georgia, Vancouver, formerly owned by Japanese, has now been taken over by Mr. William Ellison.

This firm is to be given due consideration in placing orders for Naval repair work which is within their capacity.

By Order,

(sgd) R. A. Pennington,

Secretary, Naval Board.

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

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Dear Miss Dixon,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 20th recommending the Stanley Park Shipyards Limited which was formerly owned by Japanese and is now operating under the ownership of Mr. William Ellison.

In this connection, I would advise you to communicate with Mr. A. E. McMaster, Executive Assistant, Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, 1528 Marine Building, Vancouver, B.C., and to bring to his attention the facilities of the Stanley Park Shipyards Limited.

Yours very truly,

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Edouard Bossé,
Private Secretary.

Miss A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary to the
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
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April 27, 1942.

Dear Ann,-

You wrote a few days ago advising that the Stanley Park Shipyards Limited had been taken over by our friend Mr. Ellison.

This was brought to the attention of the Department of Naval Services, the Department of Munitions and Supply and the Department of Fisheries.

I have just received a note from Mr. Bossé, Private Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, suggesting that this should also be brought to the attention of Mr. A.E. McMaster, Executive Assistant, Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, 1528 Marine Building, Vancouver, B.C.

As you are probably in touch with him, I would suggest that you bring the change in ownership to his attention.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) A. Dixon
Associate Private Secretary.

Mrs. Ann Thompson,
Vancouver Liberal Council,
445 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee:
THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH
CHAIRMAN
COMMANDER E. L. JOHNSON, O.B.E., R.C.N.R.
KISHIZO KIMURA

A. E. McMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

April 24,1942.

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The Honourable Ian A. MacKenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.13 of April 23rd, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 13 - April 24, 1942.

During the current week 39 vessels were sold and 2 released to registered owners, making a total of 699 vessels released, leaving, as will be noted by attached statement, 441 vessels of those registered with the Committee.

The largest part of these remaining vessels are at their Fraser River moorings, but there are also a small number at Ocean Falls, a number in the Skeena River, and at Prince Rupert.

In the statistical statement attached, we have added during the current week 29 boats shown under "Requisitioned by Services." These include 3 additional boats requisitioned by Naval Service, 6 by the Army Service Corps, and 20 which have been selected for shipment to the British Admiralty Technical Mission.

Our recent conferences with the fishing industry, confirm the opinion previously expressed, that the actual sales to fishermen and the fishing companies will sharply reduce in volume week after week, and that before long, the Committee will be justified in considering a change in policy to permit releases for other purposes than fishing.

The matter of procedure in the settlement of claims, having been generally agreed upon, the offices of the Committee are now preparing the necessary documents, supporting their recommendations for settlement.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

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W E E K L Y R E P O R T - NO.13

Week ended April 23, 1942.

Vessel Types -		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	718	144	95	1140
2. Requisitioned by Services	" " "	10	11	8	28	2	59
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	- 1	2	-	-	-	1
	Previously	9	1	101	5	23	139
	Total to Date	8	3	101	5	23	140
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	-	7	28	2	2	39
	Previously	31	18	321	71	20	461
	Total to Date	31	25	349	73	22	500
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	49	39	458	106	47	699
6. Vessels Remaining at April 23rd	-	13	82	260	38	48	441

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7. Value of Sales to Date	$708,067.24
8. Cash Payment on Sales to Date	$556,803.42
9. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date	$517,179.45
10. Amount Earned by Commission at 1%	$ 7,080.66
11. Survey Charges	$ 1,069.50

12. Vessels Surveyed - Total to Date	318
13. " Appraised " " "	575

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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Re - Training of returned men as fishermen

ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER:

Herewith file on Japanese Fishing Vessels, returned with Minister's note on your memorandum of April 22nd.

Private Secretary.

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Ottawa, 22nd April, 1942

Dear Mr. Justice Smith,-

In your capacity as Chairman of the Committee dealing with the Japanese boats, I wonder if your Committee has considered the advisability of seeing that all these boats do not pass to the large interests.

When we discussed the matter down here, there was a strong feeling indicated by the committee that the independent white fishermen should have at least some of these boats, so that there could not be a monopoly of the large interests controlling the fishing industry.

I should like to have any personal comments from you in regard to this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

The Honourable Mr. Justice Sidney Smith,
Law Courts,
Vancouver, B.C.

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April 21st, 1942.

Dear Miss Dixon,

I have your letter of the 20th of April, regarding the facilities of the Stanley Park Shipyards, Limited, of Vancouver, which have been taken over by Mr. William Allison.

I am bringing the facilities of this shipyard to the attention of the appropriate officers of this Department.

Yours very truly,

(Doris L. Bentley)
Private Secretary.

Miss A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary,
Department of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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AIR MAIL

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The Honourable Ian A.Mackenzie,K.C.
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.12 of April 16th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 12 - April 17, 1942

During the current week 55 vessels were sold, and 2 released to registered owners, making a total of 630 vessels released up to date, or 55 per cent of the total now registered with the Committee.

It is now evident that the peak of sales activity is past, and that the actual sales per week will reduce in volume.

We are conferring with the various fishing companies in an effort to arrive at an estimate as to the extent of their interest in the remainder of the fleet in the hands of the Committee, and will submit our conclusions in this matter at a later date, in relationship to the advisability of our releasing vessels for other purposes than the fishing industry.

The matter of the settlement of claims for damage and loss sustained to these fishing vessels while in the custody of Naval Authorities, is receiving active attention of the Committee this week, and it seems probable that arrangements for the vouchering of accumulated claims will be completed within a short time.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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W E E K L Y R E P O R T

Week ended April 16, 1942.

		A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	718	144	95	1140
2. Requisitioned by Services	" " "	10	6	1	12	1	30
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	-	-	-	2	2
	Previously	9	1	101	5	21	137
	Total to Date	9	1	101	5	23	139
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	1	3	38	9	4	55
	Previously	30	15	283	62	16	406
	Total to Date	31	18	321	71	20	461
5. Total Vessels Released to Date		50	25	423	88	44	630

6. Value of Sales to Date	$670,892.24
7. Cash Payment on Sales to Date	$521,719.79
8. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date	$483,868.92
9. Amount Earned by Commission at 1%	$ 6,708.91
10. Survey Charges	$ 942.00
11. Vessels Surveyed - Total to Date	296
12. " Appraised " " "	530

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OFFICE OF
THE MINISTER OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY
OTTAWA, CANADA

April 21st, 1942.

Dear Miss Dixon:

Your letter of the 20th instant, with reference to Mr. William Ellison and the Stanley Park Shipyards, has been received in Mr. Bennett's absence from the City.

I am bringing the facilities of this yard to the attention of our Shipbuilding Division.

Yours very truly,

Acting Private Secretary.

Miss A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary to the
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
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April 20, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Thompson:-

I have your letter of the 15th instant, in which you advise that the Stanley Park Shipyards Limited have now been taken over by our friend, Mr. William Ellison.

I shall be very pleased to bring the facilities of these Shipyards to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

Kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

C.N. Senior,
Private Secretary.

Mrs. Ann Thompson,
445 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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April 20, 1942.

Dear Mr. Bosse:-

The Stanley Park Shipyards Limited, 1969 West Georgia, Vancouver, B.C., was formerly owned by Japanese and has now been taken over by Mr. William Ellison.

I understand that there are 15 Japanese ships in New Westminster at the present time that require repairing and that in all probability this work will be carried out under the auspices of your Department.

It would, therefore, be appreciated if you would bring the facilities of this shipyard to the attention of the appropriate officials with the request that it be utilized whenever possible.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

E. Bosse, Esq.,
Private Secretary, to the
Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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April 20, 1942.

Dear Mr. Bennett:-

The Stanley Park Shipyards Limited, 1969 West Georgia, Vancouver, B.C., was formerly owned by Japanese and has now been taken over by Mr. William Ellison.

It would be appreciated if you would bring the facilities of this yard to the attention of your Departmental officials in order that it may be utilized when repairs or wharfage space are required by your Department.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

W.J. Bennett, Esq.,
Private Secretary, to the
Minister of Munitions and Supply,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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I am sending a similar letter to Mr. Bosse as I understand that the Japanese vessels which have been seized will probably be turned over to that Department for the necessary repair work.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

Miss Doris Bentley,
Private Secretary, to the
Minister of National Defence for
Naval Services,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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April 15th, 1942.

AIRMAIL

Mr. C. Norman Senior,
Private Secretary,
Minister of Pensions and
National Health,
OTTAWA.

Dear Norman:

The Stanley Park Shipyards Ltd., which was owned by Japanese and about which I had some correspondence with you, has been taken over by Mr. William Ellison, President of the Vancouver South - Point Grey Riding. Mr. Ellison has asked me to write you with regard to his shipyard getting a share of any Government work or repairs which may be done out here.

Mr. Ellison also asked me to mention that there are 15 Jap ships in New Westminster at the present time that need repairing and, as he has the equipment and wharfage space available, he would appreciate the opportunity of doing some of this work.

Yours very truly,

Ann Thompson

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee:
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CHAIRMAN
COMMANDER E. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., R.C.N.R.
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VANCOUVER, B.C.

April 14,1942.

The Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Re TRAINING RETURNED MEN AS FISHERMEN

On instructions from this Committee we are enclosing herewith copy of our letter of even date to The Honourable Minister of Fisheries and attachments referred to therein, all of which are sent with the compliments of the Committee.

Yours very truly,
JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

April 14,1942.

The Honourable Minister of Fisheries,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

TRAINING RETURNED MEN AS FISHERMEN

This subject has been discussed by Commander Johnson with a Special Committee of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. at different times in the past two months, and recently with this Special Committee, the Co-ordinating Council for War Work and Civilian Services in Greater Vancouver, and the Salmon Canneries Operating Committee.

Copies of various documents and correspondence pertaining thereto, are attached. Referring to paragraph No.8 of the Legion Memorandum, Commander Johnson was co-operative with the plan but not enthusiastic, as stated.

Your Committee has given the whole matter further consideration, and now respectfully submits its considered opinion as follows:

The Committee is sympathetic towards any progressive and practical plan for the rehabilitation of ex-service men, but being primarily a selling organization it is felt that the developing and implementing of such a plan as that proposed by the Legion, should be carried out by organizations already created for that purpose.

The Committee has reviewed the plan presented by the Legion and considers it impracticable in its present form.

If fishing vessels are transferred to returned men with no sea experience, the principal objective of self-support of the man would not be attained, and embarrassment to the Fishing Industry would result.

It is the opinion of your Committee that there might be merit in an arrangement with the principal fishing companies to train men through some form of apprenticeship, and consideration given to subsidizing the plan, if necessary, to insure its being carried out.

Yours very truly,
JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

A.E. McMaster, Executive Asst.

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C O P Y

March 17,1942.

A.McGillivray, Esq.,
Chairman,
Vancouver Zone Council,
The Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L.,
119 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

The letter from the Associate Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health, dated 14th of March, 1942, is returned herewith.

This letter has been discussed by this Committee, who are of the opinion that the fishing industry may have constructive suggestions to offer, and the question has therefore been referred to the fishing industry for discussion, through Mr. Frank E. Payson, Secretary to the Canned Salmon Operating Committee, Shelly Building, Vancouver. Confirming our conversation of this morning, it is understood that you will forward Mr.Payson a copy of your undated memorandum on "Rehabilitation Plan Submitted by Canadian Legion,B.E.S.L."

You will be advised when this committee receives an answer from the Canned Salmon Operating Committee.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) B.L.J.

B.L.Johnson, Commander, R.C.N.R.
JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

BJL/FM
Enclosure (1)

P.S. A list of the experienced fishermen in your organization who are free to engage in fishing should be forwarded to Mr. Payson.

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DEPARTMENT OF
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Office of the Associate Deputy Minister
OTTAWA,
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A.McGillivray,Esq.,
Chairman,
Vancouver Zone Council,
The Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L.,
119 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. McGillivray,-

On receipt of your letter of March 5th, enclosing a memorandum on a plan to rehabilitate ex-servicemen in the fishing industry, I referred this matter to the Honourable Mr. Mackenzie, who brought it to the attention of the Minister of Fisheries.

At the present time this Department has no authority to advance money to purchase fishing boats and gear.

I should like to suggest, in the first instance, that your Council approach the Chairman of the Committee which has been appointed to expedite the disposal of the Japanese Fishing Fleet, Mr. Justice Sidney A.Smith. If that Committee feels that the proposal you have advanced is practicable, no doubt their recommendation will be made to the Government accordingly.

First, it must be ascertained if the Fleet is available for the purpose which your Council advocates, and I suggest that an approach be made to Mr. Justice Smith, in the first instance, to determine this point.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) "W.S.Woods"
W.S.Woods,
Associate Deputy Minister.

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MEMORANDUM:

REHABILITATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L.

A Committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of the Japanese Fishing Fleet (now immobilised by Order in Council, No.288) as a means of rehabilitation for an ever increasing number of ex-service men, presented the following memorandum for consideration by the Department of Pensions and National Health, Rehabilitation Division.

As early as January 1940, plans were being suggested as to methods of rehabilitation of the ex-service men of this war. These plans were presented to and discussed by members of the Canadian Legion in all their official and non-official meetings. As far as we are aware, no decisions were reached as to what plans were the most workable and promising.

War news and other war problems crowded rehabilitation off the program. Then came Dunkirk - the valiant rescue work done by masters and men of the fishing fleet of Great Britain, when every available boat, whatever its classification, was called on to help in the evacuation of our troops, will remain forever one of the brightest pages in the history of this war.

In December 1941, came the declaration of war on Japan. It was no time before we found that the Japanese Fishing Fleet off the Coast of British Columbia was mastered and manned by fully qualified Japanese Naval Officers - men who had been familiarizing themselves with every inch of our coast line. They were recognized at once as a great potential danger - one that had to be eliminated to insure a measure of protection to the citizens of British Columbia and of Canada as a whole.

On January 13th,1942, an Order in Council (P.C.288) was approved by His Excellency The Governor General presenting the necessity of immobilizing the fishing vessels owned by people of Japanese origin and operated in British Columbia waters; in this document the following paragraph is contained:

"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."

In the words of the aforementioned P.C.288,"A way should be found of putting those vessels back into production in hands other than those of Japanese origin", and we add: or in hands of enemy aliens or those of enemy alien racial origin.

At a meeting of the Mainland Executive of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., held on February 9th,1942, a committee was named to study the question of the Japanese Fishing Fleet as a means of rehabilitation for ex-service men of the Great War (1914-1918) and of those newly discharged from the present war, the chairman of said committee to be A.McGillivray - a veteran fisherman thoroughly conversant with the industry both here and in British waters. Mr. McGillivray named his committee, and we set to work.

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of rehabilitation of ex-service men versed 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, however, and it is doubtful that the British order for 1,600,000 cases of herring can be fulfilled before the end of the season.

The market is open for every kind of fish that swims. Our war effort calls for Canada's fish. The problem of meeting such enormously increased production demands, with a manpower reduced by enlistment in the services, the sudden withdrawal of several thousand Japanese fishermen along with their boats and gear, calls for a plan which will embrace the following points to insure success:

1. Experienced fishermen;
2. Boats and gear to carry on the industry to the best interests of all;
3. The fulfilment of present and future commitments to Great Britain and our Allies;
4. Increased production.

The Canadian Legion presents the following plan: Veteran fishermen, ex-service men of the Great War, to be a nucleus(numbering approximately 300) to be used as instructors in fishing - Their work to be the training of the new ex-service men in the fishing industry, these veteran fishermen to be vouched for by experts in the industry, eliminating the danger of inefficiency in the teaching staff, and for the insurance of the success of the rehabilitation plan, which is:

1. That the Government allocate a sufficient sum of money to buy impounded boats and nets;

2. That a Board be set up to buy boats and nets and to allocate same to bona fide ex-service fishermen under terms of sale that would protect the Government investment and also the fishermen;

3. That this Board be called "The Fishing Industry Rehabilitation Board". That this Board be empowered to choose the type of men that, in their opinion, would be most likely to succeed;

4. That the Board make an order that every experienced fisherman under its jurisdiction be compelled, whenever asked, to accept and train one young veteran. The period of time of such training to be defined by the Board and that the experienced fisherman be required to make a full report to the Board of the probable success or otherwise of the recruit;

5. To eliminate the possibility of <u>personal grievances</u> on the receipt of a negative report, the candidate be turned over to another teacher. Period of one week each would be sufficient;

6. That the fisherman who instructs recruits be granted instructor's allowance which would cover the additional living costs and the student be put under the Youth Training Plan;

7. Upon satisfactory report of evidence that the recruit proved to be capable, he could be given a boat and equipment and continue on as full-fledged fisherman;

8. The Board would have Inspectors who would immediately check up,and with power to act in cases of laxity or loss of initiative, as any scheme of this sort can only be carried out successfully by studious, hard and continuous work;

9. That boats and equipment sold to ex-service men under the plan be:

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A. Sold with the main idea of putting a vital industry back in the hands of loyal British Subjects;

B. Initial payment be made as easy as possible and the fisherman's financial position be duly considered;

C. That the loan be non-interest bearing, as the failure of t the last Land Settlement Scheme leads us to believe that the large interest accumulation disheartened the men during a very trying period of non-productiveness.

This plan contains the germ of putting the fishing fleet into the hands of Canadians for all time, stresses the point that all now ex-service men must make the grade as fishermen to be allowed to stay in the industry.

It is suggested that the Government take over at least 200 gill-net boats, 50 to 100 trollers, entire shrimp fleet (12), and the necessary gear for all these boats for all-the-year round fishing.

This as a start, and if the plan is found successful, the whole project could be extended, providing the boats are still available. The are available now-they may not be so again.

The above Canadian Legion Plan for the Rehabilitation of ex-service men is a natural solution through a NATURAL RESOURCE - one of CANADA'S GREATEST INDUSTRIES.

To Recapitulate:
1. The Fishing Industry Needs Experienced Fishermen;
2. The Allies Need Food, The Market Needs The "Pack";
3. Ex-service Men Need Rehabilitation;
4. Consumers are Calling for Fish;
5. The Market is open for Every Kind of Fish that Swims;
6. Ex-service Men are Ready to Go to Work At Once.

Further information and detail will be gladly supplied on request sent to A.McGillivray, Esq., 3236 East 43rd St., Vancouver,B.C., Telephone: Dexter 1559R.

Yours faithfully,

A.McGillivray - Chairman,E.B.Hardisty,T.Harnett, A.McDonald, Mr. Craig.

Copies of this Memorandum are being forwarded to:

Walter Woods, Deputy Minister of Pensions & National Health, Rehabilitation Division;
The Minister of Fisheries;
Dr. A.H.Haywood, Chairman, Coordinating Council of Vancouver;
James Eckman, Esq.

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February 27,1942.

Mr. A. McGillivray,
Chairman of Special Committee,
Canadian Legion,
3236 E.43rd St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. McGillivray:

This Committee has carefully reviewed your memorandum of February the 11th, and I have been instructed to reply to you as follows:

The Committee believes from reviewing your questionnaire that your members are not entirely familiar with the purposes for which this Committee was set up by Order in Council P.C. 288 on January the 13th, nor of its jurisdiction.

The various pertinent points raised in your memorandum will receive consideration of the Committee at the proper time. This Committee is under the direction of the Minister of Fisheries at Ottawa, and is reporting directly to that Department. Therefore, public pronouncements insofar as major policies are concerned, must emanate from that source.

We have assembled in our offices in the Marine Building, a vast amount of data pertaining to these Japanese fishing vessels, and this information is freely available to you or any of your members.

We have made provision for the proper inspection of vessels by prospective purchasers, and the Committee's offices will be glad to assist any of your members interested, in getting in touch with Japanese vessel owners.

In order that you may be further informed, we are enclosing herewith a copy of the Orders in Council, P.C.288 and P.C.987, pertaining to this Committee, and a circular prepared by this office, giving a general outline of the procedure necessary in securing the transfer of these boats.

If there is any further information you or any of the other members of your Committee would like, we shall be very glad if you will either write or call at our office in the Marine building.

Yours very truly,

A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Vancouver, B.C.
March 30, 1942.

A. E. McMASTER,
Executive Assistant.

CIRCULAR NO. 2

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS

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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 the buyer, 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 the vendor and the purchaser, the Committee will arbitrate the differences. IF THE VENDOR DOES NOT AGREE TO ARBITRATE, THE COMMITTEE WILL SET A PRICE AT WHICH THE VESSEL MUST BE SOLD.

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 CAN NOW BE OBTAINED:

(a) AT THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICES, 1528 MARINE BUILDING, VANCOUVER.

(b) IN THE CASE OF RESIDENTS OF NEW WESTMINSTER OR VICINITY, BY APPLYING BY LETTER, TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE, WHO WILL ARRANGE THAT PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NAVAL OFFICE, PACIFIC COAST TERMINALS, NEW WESTMINSTER, ON PRODUCTION OF THE PROPER CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION CARDS.

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 office will assist in supplying the information. THE PROCEDURE WILL THEN BE THAT OUTLINED IN ABOVE PARAGRAPHS.

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.

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(d) What terms are required for the balance of total purchase price.

With this information on hand, this office will endeavour to have Japanese owners, OR ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES, communicate with the prospective purchaser. IF THIS CONTACT CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED, THE PURCHASER SHALL BE INFORMED, AND HE SHOULD THEN CALL ON THE COMMITTEE OR SEND HIS ACCREDITED AGENT WITH AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE; AND EITHER PARTY WILL THEN RECEIVE FULL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMMITTEE.

All communications should be addressed to the Committee.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L.
Vancouver, B.C.,
February 11th, 1942.

JAPANESE FISHING FLEET DISPOSAL COMMITTEE:

1. We request that a complete copy of the lists of all boats comprising the "Fleet" be made available to the Canadian Legion:

2. And, that the Canadian Legion be informed as to the personal character, nationality, residence in Canada, affiliations, etc., of prospective "buyers" of boats, also if such prospective buyer has offered his services to this country or to his native land--if alien, if at war. This information is asked with a view to obtaining expressions of loyalty and keeping in mind the interests of Service and Ex-Service men in regard to preferential treatment;

3. We request a list of the numbers of boats owned by Canneries, etc. owned by Japanese or leased to Japanese and now claimed or returned to claimant owners--showing date when boat was leased or sold on Agreement of Sale;

4. We request the reason why the Fire Committee of Vancouver was refused the first two boats they selected--was this action taken by Naval authority or private enterprise? If the latter, would appreciate name of party concerned;

5. Why did not the Federal Gov't. expropriate these boats at their own valuation as they do landed property?

6. We request the reason why it was that Mr. Nomura was put in charge of compiling the lists of boats and their valuation?

7. And, has the Govt. checked the valuations set by the Japanese owners?

8. Are all the Japanese boats under Naval Supervision and Guard? If not, WHY?

9. Has any consideration or preference for Ex-Service men been indicated by the Government in any instructions given to the Japanese Fishing Fleet disposal Committee?

10. We request a list of all sales or leases, with amounts paid, terms of sale, etc. on all boats already disposed of, along with names, etc., of buyers.

11. What has been done in regard to the Fishing Equipment used on these boats? Has such equipment, which is vital to the pursuance of the fishing industry, been expropriated by the Gov't.? If not, Why not? In view of the shortage of Manilla Rope, Cordage, Web, Hooks, etc. this is an extremely important matter since the fishing industry cannot be carried on without such equipment which is practically unobtainable today;

WE REQUEST THAT ALL SUCH EQUIPMENT BE TAKEN OVER BY THE FEDERAL GOV'T. IN THE INTERESTS OF THE INDUSTRY AND FOR THE REHABILITATION OF EX-SERVICE MEN.

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JAPANESE FISHING FLEET DISPOSAL COMMITTEE: (2)

12. What "regulations" cover the examination of boats by prospective buyers? Is it true that no boat may be examined before negotiating with the owner at a price set by him without first examining the boat?

13. If and when the owners of boats have been excluded from the Restricted Areas, with whom are prospective buyers to deal in purchasing boats?

14. We request the appointment of Ex-Service Fishermen to the Staff of the Japanese Fishing Fleet Disposal Committee--men who have had the necessary training and experience to qualify them to carry out this vitally necessary work efficiently.

The foregoing information is urgently requested by this Special Committee in the interests of the REHABILITATION of EX-SERVICE FISHERMEN and with a view to

1. The greater protection of our coastal vaters by having men of experience and unquestionable loyalty to Canada and the Empire in charge of what might be designated as an AUXILIARY NAVAL PATROL.

Submitted by:

A. McGillivray, Chairman, Br.158
Mrs. E. B. Hardisty, Br.159
A. McDonald, Br. 16
J. M. Craig, Br.158.

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MEMORANDUM

FROM J.F.V.D.Committee

1528 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

TO Norman Senior,
Secretary to the Hon.Ian Mackenzie,K.C.
OTTAWA.

April 6,1942.

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Sorry the attached was omitted from the copy of our Weekly Report No.10 of April 3rd,

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS

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All communications should be addressed to the Committee.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Vancouver, B.C.
March 30, 1942.

SIDNEY A. SMITH, Chairman.

CIRCULAR NO. 2

All changes from Circular No. 1 are shown in bold type.

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The Honourable Ian A.Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.11 of April 10th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

Vancouver Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March - Sept 1942 99-7(2)

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 11 - April 10, 1942

During the current week 67 vessels were sold, and 5 released to registered owners. In all, 573 vessels have been released to date, or 50 per cent of the total number now registered with the Committee.

The usual Weekly Statistical Report is attached. It will be noted that we have amended the figures shown under caption 1. "Vessels Registered." This represents the number of vessels taken into custody by Naval Service, of which this Committee has details. The details are still missing on other impounded vessels. It is now obvious that the total registration will exceed 1200 boats.

It is not yet clear as to the exact number of boats which might be considered surplus to the fishing industry, but it seems probable that of the total of 1200 estimated above, 250 will be found to be surplus, on which basis over 60 per cent of the saleable boats have now been released by your Committee.

An analysis of all sales approved by the Committee's offices up to and including the 31st day of March, shows the following approximate distribution of values between the various types of vessels and the average price paid for each type:

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Type	Number	Total	Average
Seiners	27	$194,011.00	$7,185.60
Packers	50	138,489.60	2,769.80
Trollers	14	26,020.00	1,858.60
Gill-Netters	197	119,909.54	608.70
Unclassified	14	31,066.30	2,219.00
	302	$509,496.24	$1,687.10

In the case of two contracts involving several larger vessels, nets and other fishing gear were included in the total sales value reported, on which we collected 1% commission. This amounted to $16,800.00 which, added to the above total, gives a grand total of sales up to the end of March of $526,296.24.

The vessels coming under the jurisdiction of the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property, and which were advertised for sale through the daily press in February, are now finding gradual sale. Our information is that bids on 15 to 20 of the 53 boats concerned, have been accepted by the Custodian.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended April 9, 1942.

	Vessel Types -	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	62	121	718	144	95	1140
2. Requisitioned by Services	- " " "	10	6	1	12	1	30
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	3	-	-	-	2	5
	Previously	6	1	101	5	19	132
	Total to Date	9	1	101	5	21	137
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	2	2	52	10	1	67
	Previously	28	13	231	52	15	339
	Total to Date	30	15	283	62	16	406
5. Total Vessels Released to Date		49	22	385	79	38	573

6. Value of Sales to Date	$616,477.24
7. Cash Payment on Sales to Date	$470,881.52
8. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date	$420,126.11
9. Amount Earned by Commission at 1%	$ 6,164.76

10. Vessels Surveyed	- Total to Date	269
11. Appraisals	" " "	447

SYMBOLS:

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.10 of April 2nd, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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Encl.1.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 10 - April 5, 1948

137 boats were sold this week and, in addition, 21 were released to registered owners on verification of ownership.

The British Admiralty Technical Mission has ordered 20 of these fishing vessels from the selection suggested by the Committee, and these are presently undergoing test and engine refit prior to shipment to Great Britain. The application for purchase of these vessels was made through Naval Service Headquarters and is being carried through to conclusion by this Committee, assisted by Lloyd's Registry Surveyor representing the British Admiralty Technical Mission. This order is probably an alternative to the original plan, which contemplated some 150 vessels.

The Committee considered it desirable to issue a public statement at this time through public advertisement again outlining the procedure to be followed in securing Japanese fishing vessels. This was done by publishing a revision of our original circular of February 10th. Copy of this advertisement is enclosed for your information. This appeared in all Vancouver dailies and the New Westminster, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert press.

The work of appraising values on the various vessels is 70% completed. A card will be pasted on each vessel showing the suggested negotiating price, which has been calculated on the basis of an appraisal made by our surveyors. This, it is thought, will further stimulate sales.

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A number of vessels, which were impounded at Prince Rupert and outports, have been sold, or released, to registered owners.

In order to further the disposal of vessels at these points, we have sent one of our marine surveyors to the ports concerned to survey the remaining ships there and report to the Committee.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended April 2,1942.

		Vessel Types-	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Vessels registered		Total to Date	60	120	633	139	85	1037
2. Requisitioned by Services		" " "	10	6	-	12	1	29
3. Released to Owners		This week	2	-	18	1	-	21
		Previously	4	1	83	4	19	111
		Total to Date	6	1	101	5	19	132
4. Completed sales		This week	2	2	119	11	3	137
		Previously	26	11	112	41	12	202
		Total to Date	28	13	231	52	15	339
5. Total Vessels Released to Date			44	20	332	69	35	500

6. Value of Sales to Date $550,962.24

7. Cash Payment on Sales to Date $415,601.12

8. Amount Paid to Vendors to Date $357,395.81

9. Amount Earned by Commission @ 1% $ 5,509.61

10. Vessels Surveyed Total to Date 237

11. Vessels Appraised Total to Date 437

SYMBOLS:

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

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Vancouver, April 2, 1942.

Dear Mr. Nicholas,-

This acknowledges with thanks receipt of your letter of March 31st, in regard to the Japanese fishing nets and gear.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Nicholas, Esq.,
Honorary Secretary,
Vancouver Zone Council,
Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.,
119 West Pender St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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119 WEST PENDER STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

March 31st, 1942.

Hon. Ian Mackenzie,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
Ottawa.

Sir:-

I have been instructed by the Vancouver Zone Council of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., to extend their thanks for your efforts which resulted in the prohibition of the export of the nets and gear of the Japanese Fishing fleet, which had been impounded in British Columbia.

It is also their desire to express through you, to the Government, deepest appreciation of the expeditious manner in which the necessary order in council was promulgated.

Your obedient servant,

A.L. Nicholas

A.L.Nicholas,
Honorary Secretary.

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Vancouver, March 31, 1942.

Dear Mr. McMaster,-

Will you kindly convey to the Honourable Mr. Justice Smith my thanks for forwarding to me the copy of the weekly report to the Department of Fisheries concerning the disposal of Japanese fishing vessels, which is most interesting.

Yours very truly,

A. E. McMaster, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
1528 Marine Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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The Honourable Ian A.Mackenzie,K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.9 of March 27th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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March 30, 1942.

The Honourable Mr. Ian McKenzie,
Vancouver Hotel,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sir:

At the request of our Chairman, the Honourable Mr. Justice Smith, I am sending herewith a copy of the brief weekly report we are making to the Department of Fisheries. One copy of this report has been forwarded to your office at Ottawa as usual, but the Chairman thought you might like to have this information while here.

If there is any further information in connection with the progress of the Committee which you would like to have while in Vancouver, I should be very glad indeed to furnish this.

Yours very truly,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.
JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

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...DIAN FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No.9 - March 27, 1942

54 vessels were sold this week, and in addition 15 vessels were released to registered owners when proof of ownership was established to the satisfaction of the Committee. In all, 342 vessels have been released to date, or about 33 per cent of the total registered with us.

The indications now are that 30 boats in all, of the Packer, Troller and Gill-Netter types, will be requisitioned by the services. Inspection and tests are being carried out prior to confirmation of requisition.

All remaining impounded vessels are being surveyed, and their values assessed. Progress report of this work is indicated in the statistical section hereof, and will form part of future Weekly Reports.

The Custodian of Alien Enemy Property has sold eight vessels of those coming directly under his jurisdiction, and advises that many others are under negotiation for sale. As these boats are subject to release orders by this Committee, they are included in the 1037 vessels shown as registered with us and in our release figures.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended March 26,1948.

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1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	60	120	633	139	85	1037
	" " "	10	6	-	18	1	29
2. Requisitioned by Services	- " " "	4	-	8	2	1	15
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	1	75	2	18	96
	Previously	4	1	83	4	19	111
	Total to Date						
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	-	1	35	10	7	54
	Previously	26	10	76	31	5	148
	Total to Date	26	11	111	41	12	202
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	40	18	195	57	32	342

6. Value of Sales to Date $ 453,021.85
7. Cash Payment on Sales to Date $ 327,574.98
8. Amount Paid to Vendors " " $ 259,219.93
9. Amount Earned by Commission @ 1% $ 4,530.21
10. Vessels Surveyed - Total to Date 216
11. Appraisals " " " 349

SYMBOLS

A - Seiners
B - Trollers
C - Gill-Netters
D - Packers
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A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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Week ended March 19,1942

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2. Requisitioned by Services	" " "	10	6	-	12	1	29
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	4	-	8	2	1	15
	Previously	-	1	75	2	18	96
	Total to Date	4	1	83	4	19	111
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Ottawa, March 25, 1942.

Confidential

Dear Mr. Senior,

I have your letter of March 23rd relative to the placing of certain seized Japanese fishing boats with the Stanley Park Shipyards for repairs.

The matter has been brought to the attention of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Hamilton
Private Secretary.

C. N. Senior, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa.

Vancouver Civic Centre - Japanese Fishing Vessels, March - Sept 1942 29-7(2)

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23rd March, 1942

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hamilton,-

A protest was received from Vancouver against the placing of certain seized Japanese fishing boats with the Stanley Park Shipyards, a Japanese-owned company, for repairs.

I took this up with the Naval authorities but am informed that this transaction was carried out by the Custodian for Enemy Property.

While that particular transaction is presumably completed, it would be appreciated if any further business of this sort could be placed with firms operated by Canadians and not by Japanese.

Yours very truly,

C. N. Senior,
Private Secretary.

A. W. Hamilton, Esq.,
Private Secretary to
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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
FOR NAVAL SERVICES

Ottawa, March 19th, 1942.

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I have your letter of the 10th of March, in which you mention that you have received certain representations in connection with repairs to Japanese fishing vessels.

I may say that the ships referred to in the letter, which you enclosed, were repaired at the Stanley Park Shipyards, which is a Japanese owned company, but these ships were not placed there by the Naval authorities. They were originally seized by the Navy, and were then handed over to the Custodian for Enemy Property.

No vessels have been placed in Japanese yards for repairs by either the Naval Authorities or the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee.

Yours very truly,

The Honourable Ian Mackenzie, M. P.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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Ottawa, 24th March, 1942

Dear Mr. McMaster,-

This acknowledges, with thanks, your letter of March 20th, enclosing copy of Weekly Report No. 8 of March 19th, covering the activities of your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. McMaster, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
1528 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Weekly Report No.8 of March 19th, 1942, briefly covering the activities of this Committee, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

Acknowledge and thank
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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 8 - March 20, 1942.

50 vessels were sold during the week, and in addition 14 vessels were released to registered owners after proof of ownership was submitted to us. In all, 273 vessels have been released by the Committee to date, or about 26 per cent of the total registered with us.

In response to a request from the Department, for information asked for by Tom Reid, M.P. in Parliament on the 16th instant, we supplied information as to the number of each type of fishing vessel sold, and the average price secured for each type. This information was compiled up to an including the 17th instant. We have extended these figures up to the close of business on the 19th instant, with the following result:

Sale of Fishing Vessels to March 19th inclusive

Type	No.	Total Value	Average per Vessel
Seiners	26	$ 197,061.00	$ 7,579.27
Trollers	10	20,775.00	2,077.50
Gill-Netters	76	53,322.00	701.60
Packers	31	81,689.00	2,635.12
Unclassified	5	9,235.00	1,847.00
	148	$ 362,082.00	$ 2,446.50

The difference between these values and the total values of vessels sold as shown on attached statement, represents value of contrasts other than vessel value, on which 1% commission has been assessed.

The Custodian of Alien Enemy Property has not yet com-

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pleted the sale of any of the vessels under his jurisdiction. He has conferred with the Committee, however, and we have assisted him in arriving at a conclusion on fair sale prices, and it is expected he will now conclude sales promptly.

During the week the Committee assisted Naval Officers in the inspection of a group of 30 boats from which to select a required 20 for Naval Service. These are of the Packer and Troller types, and are being reserved from sale, awaiting confirmation and requisitioning.

The Transport Department of the R.C.A.S.C. have asked us to reserve 7 selected boats of the Gill-Netter and Troller types, 6 of which it is expected they will requisition.

We expect that both services will conclude this matter within a few days.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended March 19, 1942.

		A	B	C	D	E	F
Vessel Types							
1. Vessels Registered	- Total to Date	60	120	633	139	85	1037
2. Requisitioned by Services	- " " "	10	6	-	12	1	29
3. Released to Owners	- This Week	-	-	13	-	1	14
	Previously	-	1	62	2	17	82
	Total to Date	-	1	75	2	18	96
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	7	2	32	9	-	50
	Previously	19	8	44	22	5	98
	Total to Date	26	10	76	31	5	148
5. Total Vessels Released to Date	-	36	17	151	45	24	273

6. Value of Sales to Date	$ 385,335.55
7. Cash Payment on Sales to Date	$ 273,749.78
8. Amount Paid to Vendors " "	$ 157,675.25
9. Amount Earned by Commission @ 1%	$ 3,853.35

10. Vessels Surveyed - This Week 57
Total to Date 169

SYMBOLS

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