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CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 40-150-3

OTTAWA April 10,1942.

Dear Major MacKay:

Please refer to your letter of February 28 and previous correspondence regarding the acquisition of Japanese fishing craft for Indian use.

According to information that I have received from the Department of Fisheries here, the boats in question are being sold by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee for the Japanese owners. It is understood that the original number of boats was some 1050, of which approximately half have been disposed of. It is stated that most of the boats are now in a serviceable condition and that only a few of them were damaged in seizure or allowed to deteriorate by water, and that these latter are being reconditioned. It is noted from your letter of February 12 that prospective Indian buyers were unable to view the boats. It is understood that while this was in accordance with the necessary precautions immediately following the seizure, they may now be viewed by any responsible interested party, and it would be quite in order for you or the Indian Agent to make arrangements to that end.

Serious consideration is being given to the question of making funds available from the Revolving Fund to purchase a number of these boats for the Indians, subject, of course, to your advice and recommendations.

The thought in mind here is that this appears to be a good opportunity to advance the economic interests of the fishing Indians, particularly recalling discussions with yourself on that subject when you were here last.

As doubtless you are aware, the disposal of these boats is under the administrative direction of the Minister of Fisheries. Accordingly the question was

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discussed with the Director of Western Fisheries, Mr. A.J.Whitmore. He is leaving for Vancouver today, and, at my suggestion, will call and see you about it.

After giving the matter further consideration, I shall be obliged if you will let me have your conclusions as to the advisability of purchasing any of these boats from the Revolving Fund, and if so, approximately how many, and at what estimated cost.

Yours very truly,

T.R.L.MacInnes.
Secretary.

Major D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner,
Vancouver,
British Columbia.

Mr Coleman to see

We strongly recommended this.
If payment could be secured through Consuries it would mean that much less competition than if boats sold to whites

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214-8106

7th May, 1942.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the disposal of Japanese fishing vessels by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee for Japanese owners, I would advise that it is understood a number of these have been purchased by Indians. It will be appreciated if you would kindly advise me of the number and value of such craft purchased by Indians of your Agency.

It is understood that most of these purchases are being made through the medium of the various canning companies and I understand that this arrangement is working out satisfactorily, allowing those Indians who are reliable and wish to acquire one of these craft to do so with very little additional cost. If this is the case, I would appreciate your advice to that effect.

It has been suggested that Indians be enabled to purchase these craft through the medium of the Revolving Fund, which, as you are probably aware, is limited to $500.00 for any one individual Indian, payment being over a period of five years with interest at the rate of five percent per annum, the main requirement in connection with the loan being that it positively must be repaid when due and only granted on the Agent's definite assurance that the obligation will be met. Consequently, the Agent assumes considerable responsibility in recommending such loans. If you consider there is anything further the Department can do to facilitate the purchase of these boats from the Committee, I would appreciate your advice.

Yours faithfully,

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D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

To J. Gillett,
P. B. Ashbridge

197
~~16~~/6177

January 22, 1942.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter dated the 15th instant received from Mr. Indian Agent Ashbridge with reference to the acquisition for Indian use of Japanese fishing craft recently seized along the British Columbia coast by the Department of National Defence. I understand that there are about one thousand of these boats under seizure, mostly being of the 30' gill netter type.

The question raised by Mr. Ashbridge is of the utmost economic importance to the Indians of this coast who have, of late years, suffered severely by the intrusion of Japanese and foreign born whites into their basic industry of fishing, and to the extent that in the majority of cases their annual income from this source has been reduced below $500 per family. This diminution of income has operated in a vicious circle, in that the Indians became progressively unable to replace their equipment and today a large proportion of them are tied to cannery companies by sale agreements for boats and rental of gear to such an extent that it is almost impossible for them to become independent in ownership of their catch.

It is announced that the seized Japanese craft are to be put up for sale and as very few Indians are in a position to bid on them, it will merely become a question of replacing Japanese competition by competition of the new boat owners, who are likely for the most part to be persons of foreign extraction.

During the past year the white fishermen's Unions staged a strike at the opening of the canning

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

season and but for prompt action in divorcing the Indians from the objects of the Unions the British salmon pack would have been effectively tied up, which I suspect as the main aim of the Unions. However, the Indians continued to fish and demonstrated that they were well able to supply the canneries with most of the salmon required, proving beyond doubt that far too many fishing licences had been issued in the past. The result was that the Indians made a fair, but not excessive, income.

Placing the average value of the craft at $500, it will be obvious that wholesale purchase outright will be out of the question, but it does appear possible that a plan could be devised whereby the Indians would be enabled to purchase the craft required by them on a sale agreement covered by an order against their sales to the canneries. Every boat thus acquired by the Indians will mean one less to meet them in competition.

A blanket form of insurance on those boats bought on terms could no doubt be worked out to cover losses due to marine and other risks incidental to transfer and operation.

It would be appreciated if the Department could give the subject early consideration.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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CANADA
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 40-150-3

OTTAWA January 26, 1942.

Dear Sir:

I have to refer to your communication of January 22 with regard to the acquisition for Indian use of Japanese fishing craft recently seized along the British Columbia coast by the Department of National Defence.

This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised further in connection therewith in due course.

Yours very truly,

T.R.L. MacInnes

T.R.L. MacInnes,
Secretary.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Copy

Office of the Deputy Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

February 5,1942.

Dear Dr.McGill:

With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo to which is attached remarks by Indian Agent M.S. Todd, relating to possible utilization by British Columbia Indians of impounded Japanese-owned fishing boats, as you will observe from the attached copies of Order in Council P.C. 288, dated January 13,1942, a Committee, headed by Mr. Justice Sidney A. Smith of Vancouver, has been appointed to supervise the disposal of the boats in question. The Order in Council outlines the procedure of the Committee.

The vessels are presently in custody of the Department of National Defence for Naval Services.

Should your department desire to explore the possibilities of the proposal advanced by Mr.Todd, it is suggested that you may wish to correspond directly with the Committee in the premises. The Committee, which is known as the Japanese Fishing Vessele Disposal Committee, has established its offices at 1528 Marine Building,Vancouver.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) D.B.Finn,

Deputy Minister.

Dr.Harold W.McGill,
Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,Ottawa.

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Copy Office of the Deputy Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

By hand

February 6,1942.

Dear Dr.McGill,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your further letter of the 3rd instant and enclosures regarding the question of making available to British Columbia Indian fishermen some of the immobilized Japanese-owned fishing boats presently impounded on the West coast.

You will now have received my letter of the 5th instant embracing the arrangements made for disposal of these vessels and should you decide to bring the further representations before the Committee, perhaps it might also be desirable that Major D.M. McKay, your Indian Commissioner in the Province, personally get in touch with the Committee.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) D.B.Finn
Deputy Minister.

Dr. Harold W.McGill,
Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 40-150-3

AIRMAIL.

OTTAWA February 9,1942.

Dear Sir:

I have to refer to my letter to you of January 26 and previous correspondence with regard to the acquisition for Indian use of Japanese fishing craft recently seized along the British Columbia coast by the Department of National Defence, and also your letter of January 8 respecting claim for damages sustained by Indians of the Alert Bay Agency in the seizure by the Canadian Naval authorities of a Japanese seine boat.

This matter was referred to the Department of National Defence (Navy), the Under-Secretary of State, and the Department of Fisheries. For your information I am enclosing herewith copies of letters that have been received today from the Deputy Minister of Fisheries, dated February 5 and 6, together with copy of the Order in Council referred to.

I have to request that you will take the matter up with the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee as suggested. Please advise me further in due course for our files.

Yours very truly,

T.R.L.MacInnes.
Secretary.

Major D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner,
Vancouver,B.C.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
FEB 10 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

197/6508.

February 12,1942.

Dear Sir:- Your File 40-150-3.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant with reference to the acquisition for Indian use of Japanese fishing craft recently seized along the British Columbia coast by the Department of National Defence, in which you refer me to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

I have already contacted this Committee, after considerable delay on their part, in connection with an Indian of the West Coast Agency who came to Vancouver some three weeks ago with about Two thousand dollars in cash and anxious to purchase a boat with which he was familiar. He was referred to the Committee by this office but he was unable to secure permission to view the boat, which was tied up in New Westminster, and finally was compelled to return home with nothing accomplished. It is understood that ten boats were very badly damaged in seizure and a most careful examination would have to be made before purchase is contemplated.

With reference to damage to Indian property at Alert Bay in connection with the seizure of one of these boats, I presume it was your intention that this claim be submitted to the Disposal Committee, and this is being done.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

For. D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT

CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 7352/42/C.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
January 15, 1942.

Sir:

I have the honour to submit the following suggestion for your consideration.

In the event of Japanese fishing boats and gear, seized under the Enemy Alien Act, becoming available it may be well to keep in mind that there are many first class and reliable Indian fishermen on the Coast who could use these boats to great advantage, and who are only able to make an indifferent living with the poor class of boat they possess.

Should some provision be made whereby boats could be obtained on terms which could be met by these men, I should like to be informed at such time that regulations are made for the disposal of these boats. I quite realize that it would not be advisable to allow these boats to be given or sold at low figures indiscriminately to Indians, as they would neither value nor care for them, but there are however a few very reliable men who would appreciate the opportunity of purchasing on terms boats and gear such as these.

This is merely a suggestion on my part and I would welcome the opportunity of talking the matter over with you more fully if such an opportunity presents.

Your obedient servant,

PBA/AM

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 40-150-3

OTTAWA February 20,1942.

Dear Sir:

I have to refer to your letter of February 12 and previous correspondence with regard to the acquisition for Indian use of Japanese fishing craft recently seized along the British Columbia coast by the Department of National Defence.

I have noted your letter with interest and shall be obliged for further reports in due course.

It was the intention that the claim respecting damage to Indian property at Alert Bay in connection with the seizure of one of the Japanese fishing boats should also be submitted to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

Yours very truly,

T.R.L.MacInnes.

T.R.L.MacInnes.
Secretary.

Major D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner,
Vancouver,B.C.

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FEB 25 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

7/6354

3rd Feb., 1942.

Dear Sir:-

Clo-oose The bearer, James Thomas, Indian of ~~Klahoose~~ on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, wishes to purchase a seized Japanese fish boat described as the "Loyalite", the owner being Mr. Kakuchi of Bamfield, purchase price being $2,000.00.

Before completing the purchase, they wish to examine the boat and it would be appreciated if you would kindly facilitate their doing so.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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Messrs. A. G. McMaster and K. Kimura,
1528 Marine Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Copy on 197/15.

214/6805

28th Feb., 1942.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Your File 40-150-3

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant in respect to the acquisition for Indian use of proposed fishing craft and to advise that it appears unlikely that there will be further developments to report in this connection. Only a few of the Indians were in a financial position to make an offer for these boats and as they were unable to get any information regarding them, and were not permitted to examine the boats they were compelled to let the matter drop, particularly as the general impression was that the boats had been made unseaworthy in seizure.

The claims of the Indians at Alert Bay in respect to damage to their property in connection with the seizure of a Japanese fish boat, was referred to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee as requested in your letter of the 13th, but was advised by them that the matter properly came under the jurisdiction of the Commanding officer of the Auxiliary Vessels at Esquimalt, to whom they had referred the file.

Yours faithfully,

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, ONT.

197/15/6468.

February 11,1942.

Dear Sir:-

An Indian of your Agency who, I believe, is James Thomas of the Nitinaht Reserve, called at this office recently stating his intention of trying to purchase a Japanese Fishing Boat "Loyalty". I did what I could to bring him into contact with the committee handling these boats without success until after the Indian had left Vancouver. I am now informed by the Committee that the boat in question can be seen by the Indian any time he wishes to do so.

Yours faithfully,

For: D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Mr. P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent,
Port Alberni, B.C.

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Kelowna, B.C.
Feb. 27, 1942.

Mr. D. M. Mackay,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Since I failed to see those boats over there I have decided not to bother buying one of them at all. As you know mr. Mackay I waited over two weeks in town trying to get in touch with those Jap boats I think its about time to quit.

~~Its~~ There is another thing that Jap is asking too much for his boat I wouldn't pay anymore than $700.00 engine is old so is the boat I know just how much that boat is worth. I was standing beside that Jap when he bought the boat.

If my ofer is agreed I'll come right over again if not I am not interested

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
MAR 11 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Yours truly,

Please mail reply
Thanks for writing & no. coming
as was very glad of you.

214/6889

5th March, 1942.

Dear Sirs:

I beg to advise that I am in receipt of a letter from James Thomas, and Indian of Clo-oose, B. C., who was in Vancouver recently endeavouring to purchase a Japanese fishing boat "Loyalty". He states that he is willing to pay $700.00 for this boat.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Messrs. A. C. McMaster and K. Kimura,
1528 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

TELEPHONE PA CIFIC 9331

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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

A. E. McMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

1528 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

March 9, 1942.

Mr. D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
Department of Mines and Resources,
P. O. Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Japanese Fishing Vessel "LOYALTY"

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 5th, and note that James Thomas is willing to purchase this boat for $700.00.

For your information, this vessel was built in 1936 at the cost of approximately $3000.00, and allowing for the usual depreciation, the price now put on this vessel of $2000.00 seems fairly reasonable. Under the circumstances, you will understand that I do not see much chance of her being sold for $700.00.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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INDIAN COMMISSIONER
MAR 10 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

214/7006

11th March, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I would advise that I am informed by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee that the fishing vessel "Loyalty" was built in 1936, at a cost of $3,000.00, and allowing for the usual depreciation, the committee are of the opinion that the price now put on the vessel of $2,000.00 seems fairly reasonable, and that under the circumstances they do not see much chance of her being sold for $700.00.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:KT

Mr. James Thomas,
Clo-oose, Vancouver Island,
B. C.

Copy to Ashbridge

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

7726/42/C.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
May 15, 1942.

Sir: 214-8168.

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 7th May 1942 in connection with Japanese Fishing Vessels, and to advise that the fishing companies have, over a period of years, financed reliable Indian fishermen in the purchase of boats, engines and gear at very low rates of interest.

This has been satisfactory to such an extent that I have never had a complaint either from the Indian or the fishing Companies, the reason possibly being that when the Company finance the purchase of the boat or engine, a mutual agreement is made whereby the Indian fishes solely for that Company and repayments are made in fish caught. Another advantage is that in poor seasons, the Companies have always been willing to give the Indian credit for necessary supplies, groceries, etc.

I would be averse to the suggestion that cash be advanced from the revolving fund for the following reasons:

(1) Indians invariably presume that Departmental advances for purchases are their own property and involve no obligation.

(2) Property acquired in that manner is not valued or cared for to the extent it would be when they are obliged to work for it.

(3) Very few Indians on this Coast have any real property or security against a cash loan.

(4) An advance made to any one Indian would be followed by innumerable demands from irresponsible Indians and would create discontent.

Regards the number of vessels purchased by Indians through the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee, I am endeavoring to obtain full particulars, which I will submit as early as possible.

Your obedient servant,

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

214-8479

23rd May, 1942.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir: Your File 40-160-3

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant with reference to the acquisition of Japanese fishing craft for Indians.

In reply I would advise that I wrote the Indian Agents for the West Coast, Kwawkewlth and Skeena Agencies as per copy of my letter of the 7th instant enclosed. The matter was not taken up with the Bella Coola Agency owing to the transfer of Mr. Christie, the Agent, to Williams Lake, leaving it without a regular Agent for the time being. So far the only reply has been that of Mr. Ashbridge and his letter of the 15th instant is enclosed herewith.

Several Indians have called at this office in respect to purchasing these boats and have been assisted in various ways other than financially in arranging for their acquisition. It will probably be found when we can secure the information that quite a number of Indians have taken over these boats through various cannery companies.

I will report further as soon as I hear from the other Agents.

Yours faithfully,

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Brnanch,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 40-150-3

OTTAWA May 19, 1942.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:-

I have to refer to my letter to you of April 10 and previous correspondence regarding the acquisition of Japanese fishing craft for Indian use.

I should be obliged if you would let me have a reply to this communication, by Air Mail, at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

T.R.L. MacInnes

T.R.L. MacInnes,
Secretary.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Port Alberni, B.C.,
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Your obedient servant,

PBA/AM

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

West Coast Agency
Port Alberni, B.C.
May 28, 1942.

Sir; 214-8168

Further to my letter of May 15, 1942, re purchase of Japanese fishing boats, I beg to report the following purchases by Indians of this Agency:

Indian	Price	Financed by:
David Frank	$2600	Gibson, Bros.
Francis Charlie	$1200	Cash
Herbert Peters	$1600	Gibson Bros
Chief Benson	$1100	Cash
Joseph Hayes	$2500	Cash
J. Peters	$ 900	" (Hull only)
Steven Jackson	$600	" " "
Jackson Jack	$600	" (engine only)
Arthur Cootes	$500	" " "

While these are all Japanese boats, only those purchased by David Frank and Joseph Hayes were purchased through the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Board.

Others who have endeavoured to buy claim that the boats are held at much too high a price, and that they can build new boats for far less. As the Coastal Indians are expert boat builders, I do not think they will be inclined to consider the ramaining boats held for disposal.

Your obedient servant,

"P.B. Ashbridge"

P.B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM

D.M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

Rec'd May 29, 1942.

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214-8779

12th June 1942.

Dear Sir:

I would refer to my letter of the 7th ultimo requesting information as to the number and value of fishing craft purchased by Indians of your agency directly or indirectly from the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee as the Department had requested this information.

It would be appreciated if you would let me have same as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

J. Gillett, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 40-150-3

OTTAWA June 18,1942.

AIRMAIL.

Dear Sir:

I have to refer to your letter of May 23 and previous correspondence with regard to the acquisition of Japanese fishing craft for Indians.

I should be obliged if you would advise me whether you have yet received reports from the Indian Agents for the Skeena and Kwawkewlth Agencies, also if any boats have been purchased by Vancouver Agency Indians.

Yours very truly,

T.R.L.MacInnes.

T.R.L.MacInnes.
Secretary.

Major D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner,
Vancouver,B.C.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
JUN 20 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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214-8885.

20th June, 1942.

Dear Sir:-

I have received a request from the Department that they be advised of the number of Japanese fishing craft acquired by Indians of your Agency from the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

It would be appreciated if you would kindly let me have this information, in duplicate, as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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F.J.C. Ball, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vancouver, B. C.

OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT

CANADA

DEPARTMENT
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 7840/42/C.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
June 27, 1942.

Sir:

Enclosed please find cheque in the amount of $750.00, being payment for boat purchased from the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, account Victor Douglas Titian.

I have instructed Victor Douglas to call at your office and state whether he is satisfied with this boat. If everything is satisfactory, will you kindly have this payment made to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee. Will you kindly request Victor Douglas Titian to call in at my office on his way home?

I wish to thank you for your kind services in this matter.

Your obedient servant,

No. 92629
dated June 27th - 1942

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

Stepfather "Benson"

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
JUN 29 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

CANADA

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214-8895

29th June, 1942.

Dear Sirs:

I am advised by Mr. Indian Agent Ashbridge that an Indian of his Agency, Victor Douglas Titian, has arranged with him for the purchase of one of your boats at a price of $750.00.

However, before payment is made for this vessel, our Indian Agent is anxious to have it inspected.

It would be appreciated if you would kindly advise me where this boat is located and furnish me with the necessary authorization to have it checked over by a competent person.

Yours faithfully,

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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JUN 24 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 7830/42/C.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
June 23, 1942.

Sir:

I wish to advise that the Department has authorized the purchase of a fishing vessel for Victor Douglas Titian of this Agency, from his funds held in the Trust Account, and that he has selected a boat, held by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee at a purchase price of $750.00. This amount is being forwarded to me from Ottawa.

Unfortunately I am quite unable at this time to go to Vancouver, as I have more urgent business up the Coast, and while I know Indians to have good judgment regarding vessels I would feel more satisfied if this boat could be inspected before I make payment, and would feel very grateful if you could have someone look the boat over for me. Particulars could be obtained from the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

Your obedient servant,

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

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JUN 24 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

214-8954

25th June, 1942.

Dear Sir: Re Your File 40-1-30-3

With reference to previous correspondence regarding acquisition of Japanese fishing craft for Indians, I enclose herewith the reports of Mr. Indian Agent Gillett, Mr. Indian Agent Ashbridge, and Mr. Indian Agent Ball.

Yours faithfully,

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Encls.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
JUN 22 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

416 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
June 22nd 1942.

Sir:

re: File No. 214-8885

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, re Japanese fishing boats, there is no way of obtaining this information at present.

A few Indians came to Vancouver and I assisted them in obtaining boats, but in the majority of cases they purchased Japanese fishing boats from the large fish packing companies. The usual agreement was that the Indian put up a small amount, $100.00 or so, and the fishing company gave them the boat to fish for them, the cost of the boat being a first charge against the Indians' catch. Usually it was divided into three annual payments, thus assuring that the Indian worked for the same company each year, for at least three years.

Until the Indians return from the fishing grounds, I shall not be able to say definitely how many Indians purchased boats in this way. Some of the deals were made after they had left here for the fishing grounds.

I have personal knowledge of six boats, but there are probably many more.

Your obedient servant,

B/DH.

Fred J.C. Ball

(F.J.C.Ball)
Indian Agent.

Indian Commissioner for B. C.
Vancouver, B. C.

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JUN 22 1942
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Prince Rupert, B. C.,
June 18th, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Fish Boats Purchased by Canneries for Indians - Your File - 214/8779

Upon receipt of your letter of May 7th, we immediately circularized all the managers of the ten Canneries in this vicinity and up to date, we have received only three replies, the contents of which are tabulated on the attached sheet.

All the Canneries have bought Japanese boats and have them rented out to the Indians. These boats may be purchased after the fishing season is over, by Agreement of Sale.

With reference to the suggestion that the Revolving Loan Fund be used for the purchase of boats for the Indians, I have to say that this being limited to $500.00, I consider it inadvisable to make recommendations along this line. Any Japanese boat that could be purchased for the above mentioned amount would not be worth while unless the Indian was in the position to make a substantial down payment, otherwise the boat would be worn out before the five year period had expired.

If there is a list available, of the Japanese boats which are for sale, giving the size, engine, age, etc., I would appreciate having one.

Yours faithfully,

J. Gillett,
Indian Agent.

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Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Vancouver, B. C.

CANNERY	COMPANY	BAND	NAMES OF INDIANS	AMOUNT	TERMS
Wales Island.	Can. Fishing Co. Ltd.	Aiyansh	Fred Brown	$950.00	Not stated.
do	do	do	Daniel Gonu	900.00	do
do	do	do	Ernest Derrick	900.00	do
North Pacific	A.B.C. Packing Co. Ltd.	Kincolith	Percy Alexander	$1,200.00	$200.00 down - 4 annual payments.
do	do	Port Essington	John Wesley	750.00	200.00 down - 4 annual payments.
do	do	Kincolith	Arthur Stewart	600.00	200.00 down 3 annual payments

NOTE: None of the above purchases are to be charged interest.

Cassiar Cannery	Cassiar Packing Co.	Port Simpson	Robert Smith	(Hull only)500.00	3 annual payments - no interest.

NOTE: The above sale was completed through this office.

J. Gillett,
Indian Agent.

214-8412.

20th May, 1942.

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter, James Smith, Indian of the Campbell River Band, wishes to purchase a Japanese Fishing boat "Lady Delight", which is a thirty foot gill netter with a seven horse power Palmer engine, registered NW036, valued by the Japanese Fishing Vessel Commission at $1,000 and reduced to $604. As you are no doubt aware, the Commission requires a deposit of one-third of the purchase price.

Mr. Smith informs me that he has been fishing for your Company for a number of years but is anxious to secure the necessary deposit for this boat by a loan from this Department under what is known as the Revolving Fund loan, which requires re-payment in annual instalments over a period not exceeding five years. However, there is certain formalities in connection with the securing of such a loan which has to be recommended by the Indian Agent for the locality, and submitted to the Department at Ottawa for consideration, all of which will naturally take time, Mr. Smith being insistent that the matter is urgent. If you wish to give consideration to the purchase of this boat and its resale to Mr. Smith, it would be in the most expeditious method in dealing with the transaction, it being impossible for me to express an opinion as to Mr. Smith's eligibility for a loan from the Department without referring the matter to Mr. Indian Agent Todd at Alert Bay, this being the Agency in which Campbell River Reserve, on which Mr. Smith resides, is situated.

Yours faithfully,

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H. Lord, Esq.,
H. Bell-Irving & Co. Ltd.,
989 W. Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

214-9345

July 18, 1942.

Dear Sir: Your File 40-1-50-3

With reference to previous correspondence regarding acquisition of Japanese Fishing Craft for Indians, I enclose herewith an additional report received from Mr. Indian Agent Gillett showing the purchase of four other boats from this source totaling $4,095.00.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Enc.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

CANNERY	COMPANY	BAND	NAMES OF INDIANS	AMOUNT	TERMS
Arrandale	Anglo-B. C. Packing Co.	Kincolith	Herbert S. Doolan	$650.00	$475.00 down balance 1 year. No interest
"	" " " "	"	Joe Morrison	600.00	200.00 down and 200.00 per annum
"	" " " "	"	Chas. Lincoln	650.00	250.00 down and 200.00 per annum
"	" " " "	Greenville	W. J. McNeill	400.00	200.00 down and 1 year to pay balance
"	" " " "	Canyon City	P. Nyce	1,330.00	600.00 down and 200.00 per annum
"	" " " "	Greenville	P. Calder	883.30	283.30 down and 200 per annum
"	" " " "	Greenville	Abel Rush	475.00	150.00 down and 200.00 per annum
"	" " " "	Kincolith	Geo. Bolton	700.00	600.00 down and 1 year to pay balance
"	" " " "	Greenville	Gordon McKay	625.00	200.00 down and 200.00 per annum
"	" " " "	Kincolith	Rufus McNeil	300.00	150.00 down and 1 year to pay balance
"	" " " "	Greenville	Simon P. Calder	900.00	400.00 down and 200.00 per annum
"	" " " "	Kincolith	Morris Haldane	850.00	250.00 down and 200.00 per annum

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CANNERY	COMPANY	BAND	NAMES OF INDIANS	AMOUNT	TERMS
Arrandale	Anglo-B. C. Packing Co.	Kincolith	Walter Morrison	$475.00	$175.00 down and 200.00 per annum
"	" " " "	Greenville	Aaron Rush	450.00	150.00 down and 200.00 per annum
"	" " " "	Greenville	Fred McKay	900.00	300.00 down and 300.00 per annum

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Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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CANNERY	COMPANY	BAND	NAMES OF INDIANS	AMOUNT	TERMS
Claxton	B. C. Packers Ltd.	Aiyansh	George Robinson	$1,200.00	$700.00 down balance 3 annual payments-No interest.
"	" " "	"	Adam Nisyok	1,035.00	$400.00 down balance 3 annual payments-No interest
"	" " "	"	Reuben Munroe	1,210.00	$400.00 down balance 3 annual payments-No interest.
"	" " "	Kitkatla	Henry Collinson	650.00	$ 100.00 down balance 3 annual payments-No interest.

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J. Gillett

J. Gillett,
Indian Agent.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

214-3752

April 15, 1943.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant with reference to the acquisition of Japanese Fishing craft by Indians, I would quote as follows from the various Agents written to in this connection:-

Acting Indian Agent Levelton, Bella Coola, February 26th.

"I am getting in touch with the various Canning Companies through which most of these boats have been secured, and there is only one instance of which I am aware, where the Indian has purchased a boat direct."

Indian Agent Todd, Alert Bay, B.C. March 31st.

"I would advise you we are endeavouring to obtain the required information, and will forward same to you as soon as received."

Indian Agent Phillips, Massett, B.C., March 30th.

"I have nothing on file at this office to show that any boats were purchased from Japanese by any Indians of this Agency."

Indian Agent Daunt, New Westminster, April 12th.

"Two Japanese Fishing Boats were purchased by Indians, Louis Moody and Duncan Moody, Katzie Band, obtained two boats at $800.00 each."

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

Ottawa, April 3,1943.

Major D.M.MacKay, Indian Commissioner, Vancouver,B.C.

I have to refer to letter to you of February 2 and previous correspondence with regard to the acquisition of Japanese fishing craft for Indians.

I should be obliged if you would let me have a reply, if the figures have yet been received from the Agents for the Vancouver, Kwawkewlth, Queen Charlotte and Bella Coola Agencies.

Harold McKill

Director.

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

214-3574

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April 7, 1943.

Your File: 214-3194.

M.S. Todd, Esq., Indian Agent, Alert Bay, B.C.

In accordance with your request of the 31st ultimo regarding the purchase of Japanese Fishing craft by Indians of your Agency, I enclose herewith copy of my letter of May 7th, 1942.

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Enc.

B.T. Phillips,
Indian Agent.

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APR 5 1943
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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Q.C.I.
Massett, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 7-6898

March 30th, 1943.

Your File: 214-3194.

Major D.M.MacKay., Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 20th, 1943. in reference to the purchase of Japanese Fishing craft by Indians in this Agency.

I have to advise that I sent forward this information in my letter dated March 1st, File No 6876 in which I gave the following information: "That I have nothing on file at this Office to show that any boats were purchased from Japanese by any Indians of this Agency", perhaps the above letter went astray.

B.T.Phillips,
Indian Agent.

The file is on Miss Morani's desk

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Alert Bay, B.C.,
March 31st, 1943.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

With reference to your letter of February 19th last, file 214-2701 re Japanese Fishing craft purchased by Indians, I would advise you we are endeavouring to obtain the required information, and will forward same to you as soon as received.

Would you be good enough to forward this office copy of your letter of May 7th last, as we do not appear to have a copy on file. Thanking you,

(M. S. Todd)
Indian Agent

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

416 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
March 25th 1943.

Indian Commissioner for B. C., Vancouver, B. C.

re: Circular No.214-2701

Replying to your letter of February 19th regarding the purchase of Japanese fishing boats by Indians, the number purchased in this Agency is 39, but as I cannot get in touch with the individual Indians, who are now out fishing, I cannot give you the full information asked for in the second paragraph of your letter.

Fred J. Ball
Indian Agent.

B/DH.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
MAR 26 1943
VANCOUVER, B. C.

214-3194

March 20, 1943.

B.T. Phillips, Esq., Indian Agent, Massett, B.C.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant with reference to the purchase of Japanese fishing craft by Indians of your agency.

It was not expected that you would have this information on your files, but that when the Department required information on the subject that you would make enquiries amongst your Indians and furnish me with the necessary particulars.

Please let me have this information as soon as possible.

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1-5-1

Bella Coola B.C.
February 26th.1943

Major D.M.MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C. Van.B.C.

I have for acknowledgement your letter of February 19th. No.214-2701,in which you refer to your letter of May 7th,-42 re fishing boats purchased by Indians from Japanese.

I have no recollection of ever receiving such a letter, and I have searched all the files relating to fishing and boats but have been unable to locate this letter.

This letter may have gone astray in the mails,as there has on several occasions been letters sent to this office which were never received.

I am getting in touch with the various Canning Companies through which most of these boats have been secured,and there is only one instance of which I am aware,where the Indian has purchased a boat direct.

As soon as I hear from the parties concerned will forward the desired information.

Will you kindly forward a copy of letter of May,7th.

T.A.Levelton
Acting Indian Agent

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MAR 8 1943
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 7-6876

Q.C.I.
Massett, B.C.

March 1st, 1943.

Re: 214-2701 CIRCULAR.Feb 19th,/43.

Major D.M.MacKay., Indian Commissioner for B.C. Vancouver, B.C.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter as above dated,with reference to the purchase of Japanese Fishing craft by Indians of this Agency,

I have nothing on file to show that any boats were purchased from Japanese by any Indians in this Agency.

B.T. Phillips

B.T.Phillips.,
Indian Agent.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
MAR 8 194
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

416 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
Feb. 22nd 1943.

Indian Commissioner, Vancouver, B. C.

re: Circular No.214-2701

With reference to circular letter of the 19th instant re Japanese fishing boats, we have no record of any kind of the number of boats purchased by Indians. They made the deals themselves either through the packing companies or direct with the office handling the sale of these boats, and did not report their purchases to me.

If you wish, I will write to every Indian fisherman in the Agency and ask for particulars of any purchases, but this will take some time. No Indian in this Agency received any financial assistance from the Department in making such purchase.

Fred J. C. Ball
Indian Agent.

B/DH.

Feb. 23/43
Requested Mr. Ball ~~to~~ verbally to endeavour to secure information through ~~tera~~ chiefs, as soon as possible. Promised to do so
J.L.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
FEB 22 1943
VANCOUVER, B. C.

214-2701. CIRCULAR .

February 19,1943.

F. J. C. Ball,Esq., Indian Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

I would refer to my letter of May 7, 1942, requesting advice as to Japanese Fishing craft purchased by Indians in your Agency and to advise that the Department is pressing for completion of this information. I would request that you furnish me with same a t the earliest possible date.

The information should show the name of the Cannery where the boat was purchased (unless purchased direct) the name of the Packing Company, the name of the Indian and the Band to which he belongs, amount of purchase price, terms of payment and date of purchase, if known.

D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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214-4771

June 8, 1943.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

With further reference to your letter of April 3rd regarding acquisition of Japanese fishing craft by Indians, I would advise that I am now in receipt of the enclosed statement from Mr. Acting Indian Agent Levelton giving details of such boats purchased by Indians of the Bella Coola Agency. Mr. Levelton states that most of these boats were purchased from the cannery companies on deferred payments as shown in the list.

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Enc.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
MAY 31 194
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Acting Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1-5-1.

Bella Coola, B.C.,
May 26th, 43.

Major D.M. Mackay, Indian Commissioner for B.C. Vancouver, B.C.

With reference to your letters of May 7th (214-8168) and of March 30th (214-3193) re purchase of Japanese fishing boats by Indians, I am enclosing herewith the information requested.

These boats have all been purchased through the medium of the various canning companies who, of course, protect themselves against loss by an agreement of sale wherein it is definitely stated that the boat mentioned therein is the property of the canning company until such a time as the full purchase price agreed upon has been repaid to them.

The managers of the various cannerries assured me that should an Indian fail to make sufficient money to pay up the balance of purchase price in 1943 they are prepared to give him an extension until such a time as he is able to pay provided always that the Indian in question continues to fish for the said company. It is of course also understood that the Indian cannot dispose of this boat until fully paid for or with the sanction of the company. He has in the meantime the full use of the boat, both during the fising season and after.

In regards to the Revolving Fund I am doubtful that this plan would be feasible as no one can guarantee that the Indian is going to repay this loan when due, and if he does not repay, then the Department would probably have to take the loss, unless some specific agreement was entered into at the time of the loan in such a way that the Department could seize the boat and hold it for non-payment.

Under the circumstances, I believe the present arrangement is the most satisfactory.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
MAY 31 1943
VANCOUVER, B. C.

J.G. Loucks
Acting Indian Agent.

Purchases of Japanese Fishing Boats by Indians.

Name of Indian.	Band.	Name of Boat.	Purchase Price.	Down Payment.	Date of Purchase.	Balance.	Canning Company.
Gordon Tallie	Bella Coola.	Snow-White.	$1,000.00	$300.00	Sept. 30/42	$700.00 (Pay /43)	Can. Fishing Co.
David Snow.	Bella Coola.	C.C.Maid.	850.00	375.00	Sept.29/42	475 (pay 43)	Can. Fish.Co.
Clifford Humchitt.	Bella Bella.		450.00	320.00	May 2nd/42	130(Pay 43)	B.C.Packers.
George Andersen	"	"	300.00	100.00	Oct. 9/42	200(")	B.C.Packers.
Andrew Harris.	"	"	400.00	100.00	Sep. 29/42.	300(")	" "
[illegible]am Wilsen.	"	"	500.00	100.00	Sep. 29/42.	400(")	" "
Bertie Humchitt	"	"	700.00	400.00	June 17/42	300 "	" "
W.J. Starr.	"	"	501.00	501.00	July 11/42		" "
Phillip Wilsen	"	"	1250.00	750.00	June 17/42	500 "	" "
Phillip Windsor	"	"	800.00	600.00	April 21/42	200 (Pay Oct 1,42)	B.C.P.
Ernest Wilsen	"	"	750.00	475.00	April 24/42	275 (Pay [illegible] 43)	B.C.P.
Edward Moody	"	"	600.00	350.00	May 2/42.	250 (Pay 43)	B.C. Packers.
Phillip Hall	"	"	650.00	375.00	Apr. 21/42	275 (Pay 43)	B.C. Packers.
Walter Jackson	"	"	550.00	295.00	Apr. 23/42	255 (Pay 43)	B.C. Packers.
Donald Gladstone	"	"	550.00	375.00	Apr. 25/42	175 "	B.C. Packers.
Wesley Humchitt	"	"	600.00	600.00	"		"

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copy for 214.

April 9, 1943.

B.T. Phillips, Esq., Indian Agent, Massett, B.C.

I have received a call from Albert Jones in connection with the registration of his boats, and as this matter has already been taken up by this Indian with Mr. Indian Agent Gillett I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to the latter forwarding declarations, etc., copies of these declarations being enclosed herewith.

I am informed by this Indian that he took this matter up with you but received no assistance in securing these registrations, and apparently it was necessary for him to travel to Prince Rupert and Vancouver in order to attend to the matter, trips that were entirely unnecessary. The Department appoints an Indian Agent to attend to such matters as these and expects him to give Indians every possible assistance, and if he is not familiar with the procedure to write to this office or the Department for instructions. I might add that this office is under too much pressure to set aside its own work and attend to strictly agency matters.

I understand there are 40 other boats on Skidegate and some at Massett that require straightening up in the matter of registration and you should attend to these immediately.

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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11-3612

copy for 214

April 9, 1943.

J. Gillett, Esq., Indian Agent, Prince Rupert, B.C.

I have received a call from Albert Jones, Indian of the Skidegate Reserve, with reference to the registration of his three boats, the "Steveston", "Grayfish 11", and "Nippon", in regard to which there has been some difficulty owing to the lack of clear chain of title by way of Bill of Sales from the original owner down to Mr. Jones.

I have prepared and had Mr. Jones make declarations, in triplicate, in regard to the ownership of the boats, and would suggest that if you are familiar with the history of these craft that you also make declarations concerning each one along the lines of the draft enclosed herewith, and submit these to the Registrar of Shipping at New Westminster and Winch Building, Vancouver, in respect to the boats under each of these Registrars.

I enclose herewith file of papers and letters left with me by Mr. Jones and when these have served the purpose I would request that you return them to him. He informs me that the Bill of Sale from Percy Gladstone to himself was left with the Customs Department at Prince Rupert.

I am writing to Mr. Indian Agent Phillips requesting that in future he attend to these matters personally.

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D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Copy sent to Mr. Phillips