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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

PRESS RELEASE JANUARY 29th, 1942

This Committee was constituted by Order-in-Council PC288, January 13th, 1942, for the purpose of implementing an effective plan to transfer impounded Japanese Fishing Vessels to new owners who must be other than those of Japanese origin.

Prospective purchasers of fishing vessels should negotiate directly with the owner of the ship they wish to buy or his representative. If an agreement is reached, the details of the transaction must be submitted to the Committee, and if approved by them, the transfer can be promptly completed. If an agreement cannot be reached, the Committee will arbitrate the differences.

Prospective purchasers who have not contacted an owner will be assisted in making that contact.

Japanese owners are required to register the details of their vessels at the Office of the Committee, at 1528 Marine Building, Vancouver, B. C. Telephone information desk, Pacific 9331.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OR FISHERIES.

January 30, 1942.

The first meeting of the Committee with all members present, was held in the chambers of the Honourable Mr. Justice Smith on January 22nd, 1942.

Plans were concluded for the immediate organization of the Committee's offices and initial policies of procedure were determined.

Mr. A. E. McMaster of Vancouver was appointed as Executive Assistant to the Commission, and instructed to secure the office accomodation and assemble the necessary staff.

The second meeting of the full Committee was held in the chambers of the Chairman on Saturday, January 24th, and on the same day they proceeded to New Westminster to inspect the general condition of the fishing vessels moored in that area.

The Committee found that approximately 900 boats were moored in an unseamanlike manner in a backwater of the Fraser River formed between the Annacis Wing Dam and Annacis Island. About 65 of these boats were completely submerged. Effective salvage work had not been commenced.

The Committee immediately communicated with Commodore Beech, Commanding Officer of the Pacific Coast, and requested his personal survey of the fleet. This survey was held on January 26, together with the Honourable Mr. Justice Smith, Commander B. L. Johnson and Officers of the Commodore's staff. At the conclusion of the inspection, Commodore Beech issued re-mooring instructions. Salvage and re-mooring has now been undertaken.

Until this work is completed, your Committee is not permitting individual vessel inspection by those interested in the purchase of vessels or by Japanese owners.

A declaration of policy has been made to the Press as per memorandum attached. Numerous individual boat owners and prospective purchasers have been interviewed with a view to encouraging negotiations for the sale and purchase of vessels.

The Committee has also interviewed the larger fishing companies, who as a group, control over 90% of the fishing industry of British Columbia. It is expected through this source to achieve satisfactory progress within the next few weeks in arranging transfer of title of those vessels in which they have a financial interest. These number approximately 550 which are located in several places along the Coast.

The Commission's suggestion of the 1% disposal charge was made after due consideration of known circumstances and there is nothing further to add to the information contained in our telegram of January 21st reading:--

> "Reasons for proposal for one per cent disposal charge are first expenses of commission will materially exceed previous estimates consequent upon damage suffered by vessels since detention thus involving many claims requiring services of outside surveyors. Second, Commissioner Kimura states Japanese owners willing subscribe to this expense. Third, Commission of opinion. Public criticism avoided if cost of disposal were not serious drain on public funds. Members feel that Commission should be in all ways self contained and that therefore should receive and handle all monies concerned".

Until your decision is made on this point the disposalcharge of 1% will be made.

It has been alleged by several of the large fishing companies that a Japanese named Noguchi has endeavored to discourage Japanese fishing vessel owners from selling their boats evidently intimating that a more favorable arrangement would be available later on.

The fishing companies claim that this has already had the effect of breaking off actual negotiations, and the effect generally, if allowed to continue, would seriously interfere with the objects of this Committee.

Effective measures have been taken to correct this situation.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES.

NO. 2 - February 6th, 1942.

Inquiries from prospective purchasers are numerous, but sales are very few. Negotiations for sale of about 20 vessels are well in hand. Twelve vessels, owned by fishing companies but formerly manned by Japanese crews, were released during the week. A summary of the status of all vessels will be included in these weekly reports, when our lists are complete.

Mr. Kimura, with the concurrence of the committee, has directed several responsible Japanese to assist in sales negotiations; this does not involve expense to the committee.

The larger fishing companies are negotiating with owners of vessels which, prior to impounding, were engaged in fishing for these companies. An analysis of the information received would indicate that these fishing companies, either hold a mortgage on these vessels or have substantial claims for cash or equipment advances to the owners.

The Naval Service is retaining care and maintenance parties and are improving the general mooring and storage situation; 400 boats will have safe mooring by the 12th of February. If purchases and movements do not speed up we shall request the Naval Service to provide additional moorings.

Approximately 60 of the submerged boats have been raised and are now in shipyard hands. The remainder of the submerged boats, now estimated 40, should be raised within one week.

Negotiations are somewhat retarded because general inspections are not encouraged until the mooring situation is well in hand.

The Bank of Montreal, Marine Building Branch, has advised of the deposit of an amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00), being a remittance from your Department. An account has been opened at that bank, and will be used for the dispersing of committee expenses and for deposit and dispersal of the funds involved in sales.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 3 - February 12th, 1942

The Naval Service is working diligently on salvage and re-mooring. It is now determined that 162 boats have been sunk. Practically all have been raised and are in shipyard hands for re-conditioning, or they are being prepared for passage to shipyards.

Sales negotiations are still retarded by the necessity of withholding inspection passes. Naval Services expect to have the mooring well in hand within one week, when inspection passes will be freely issued.

In the meantime, the committee's office is continuing to permit the initial steps in sales negotiations between Japanese owners and fishermen who desire to buy vessels. A total of only 17 boats have been actually sold up to date. In addition vessels have been released from immobilization after the committee verified such ownership was vested with eligible fishermen. These boats had been impounded by reason of being manned by Japanese crews. A statement showing the general position of impounded vessels is attached hereto, and will be included in the weekly letter in future.

The committee is working in close collaboration with the Chief Inspector of Fisheries and with the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property, and is receiving very satisfactory support from these two sources.

Active negotiations are being carried out with the larger fishing companies, with a view to accelerating the transfer of title in the large number of fishing vessels in which they have a financial interest, and the outlook appears to be favorable towards considerable progress in this regard as inspection of vessels can be made with greater facility.

We have now received detailed instructions from the Chief Treasury Office of the Department in so far as the accounting standards and reports required are concerned, and, with a view to bringing records in line with these requirements as rapidly as possible, we are receiving the co-operation of the accounting staff of the Inspector of Fisheries.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

WEEKLY REPORT OF STATUS OF VESSELS

February 13th, 1942

Item	Type	Number of Vessels A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1.	Registered with the Committee- Total to date:	57	12	116	598	111	65	959
2.	Requisitioned by the Navy and R. C. A. F.-Total to date:	11		1		13	2	27
3.	Released to owners - This week: Previously: Total to date:	2		1	5	1	11	20
4.	Released through completed sales- This week: Previously: Total to date:	2		1	3	1		7
5.	Sold, but release suspended for settlement of claims:	7			2		1	10
6.	Balance:	35	12	115	588	96	51	895
7.	Total vessels as above:	57	12	116	598	111	65	959

Explanatory notes:

Item 3- Vessels impounded on account of being manned by Japanese. Registration approved and vessels released for fishing service.

Type - A - Seiners
B - Trawlers
C - Trollers
D - Gill Netters
E - Packers
F - Unclassified
G - All Vessels

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 4 - February 20th, 1942.

The actual sales of vessels during this week were still greatly retarded owing to the necessary restrictions in permitting inspections. However, on the 18th instant the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast inspected the impounded fishing fleet. He was accompanied by the Commanding Officer Auxiliary Vessels, and, after discussion with the Committee, various minor matters in regard to co-operation of Naval Service and this Committee were satisfactorily adjusted. Additional facilities were promised to speed up inspections by prospective purchasers.

The full Committee met representatives of the Fisheries Institute of British Columbia on Monday the 16th instant. The Institute represents over 90 per cent of the fishing industry. The companies concerned, are not particularly interested in the purchase of the impounded vessels, as such, but are very concerned with their employment in securing product for their plants. A large number of these vessels have been employed in securing fish for the companies, and in many cases, cash advances to the boat operators have been made. Some of these advances are secured by mortgage on the vessel, some by chattel mortgage, and others on open account.

The Committee clarified their policies and offered all possible co-operation to the Institute members with the object

of facilitating the transfer of impounded vessels to qualified fishermen or to the companies themselves. The Committee feels that the inspection facilities now provided will accelerate the transfer of vessels through these sources.

Dr. D.B. Finn, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, met the Committee during his visit to the Coast, and the set up and functions of the Committee's offices were reviewed and discussed. Dr. Finn also attended the full Committee meeting with the Fisheries Institute of British Columbia, referred to above.

At the request of the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast, the Committee has recommended to you that the care and maintenance of the fishing fleet would be transferred to their jurisdiction from that of the Naval Authorities, when all vessels which are known to have suffered damage are under repair and the remainder of the fleet moored in a satisfactory manner. The Committee consider that if this recommendation is accepted, the Naval personnel can be returned to their normal and more important duties, the work of your Committee simplified, and a reduction of total expenditures effected.

The following is a summary of the position of fishing vessels as at February the 19th, 1942:

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

		VESSEL TYPES -	A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	Vessels Registered to Date.	Total to Date	57	116	598	111	77	959
2.	Vessels Requisitioned by Navy and R.C.A.F.	" " "	11	1	-	13	2	27
3.	Vessels Released to Owners	" " "	-	-	18	-	13	31
4.	Completed Sales-Vessels Released	" "	9	1	5	4	1	20
5.	Vessels Sold but Release held for Settlement of Claims	" " "	1	-	8	-	-	9
6.	Total No.Vessels Released or in Active Process	" " "	21	2	31	17	16	87

SYMBOLS:

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

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 5 - February 27th, 1942.

Salvage and mooring of vessels is now practically completed; all damaged vessels are in shipyard hands; and ferry service for prospective purchasers from New Westminster to the mooring area has been organized, which has resulted in acceleration of sales negotiations.

22 vessels were sold during the current week, and in addition, 6 vessels were released to owners after ship registers and licenses were verified by the Committee's office.

Additional descriptive data on impounded vessels have been filed this week, and the totals of all vessels coming within the jurisdiction of your Committee are as follows:

Seine boats	-	60
Trollers	-	120
Gill-Netters	-	633
Packers	-	139
Miscellaneous	-	85
Total		1037

A statement showing the status of sales and other data is attached hereto.

In last week's letter reference was made to the effect that the Committee was prepared to assume the responsibility for the control over all fishing vessels when the salvage operations were completed, damaged vessels in shipyards hands, and the remain-

der of the fleet moored in a satisfactory manner.

The object of this recommendation was primarily to relieve the Naval personnel for more important duties, but also to effect considerable economy in bringing the entire jurisdiction of these vessels under one authority.

The matter was further discussed with Commodore Beech by Commander Johnson this week, and it was decided that Naval Service would continue their present jurisdiction, and at the proper time dilute Naval ratings with civilian personnel under the jurisdiction of Naval officers.

A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended - February 26th, 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	-	" " "	11	1	-	13	2	27
3. Released to Owners	-	This Week			4	1	1	6
		Previously			18	-	13	31
		Total to Date			22	1	14	37
4. Completed Sales	-	This Week		2	19	1	-	22
		Previously	9	1	5	4	1	20
		Total to Date	9	3	24	5	1	42
5. Total Vessels Released to Date			20	4	46	19	17	106

6. Value of Sales to Date $ 121,810.85

7. Cash payment on Sales to Date $ 70,251.47

8. Amount paid to Vendors to Date $ 45,254.00

9. Amount Earned by Commission @ 1% $ 1,218.11

10. Sales Awaiting Settlement of Claims before Completion. - 3

SYMBOLS

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

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JAPANE● FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL ●MMITTEE

1528 Marine Building
VANCOUVER, B.C.

March 4, 1942

Sir:

I have the honour to report on proceedings whilst serving on this Committee.

On arrival here, I advised the Chairman, the Honourable Mr. Justice Sidney A. Smith, that this appointment was expected to terminate about the 15th of March; it was then considered that the disposal of the fleet would be well in hand by that date. Many happenings have retarded progress, and, up to this date, only about five per cent of the fleet has been sold. Following enforcement of the Japanese evacuation order, it is expected that sales will be accelerated, and that all vessels required by the fishing industry will be sold by the end of May. A possible 300 boats not required will remain unsold.

Upon reviewing the situation up to this date, the Chairman would prefer my remaining here for the present. He is presiding at the Spring Criminal Assizes, and whilst so engaged, his time is very much occupied with his judicial duties. The third member of the Committee is a Japanese, who has been of great service in contacting the Japanese, boat owners, but who is now greatly perturbed by the evacuation order, which will complicate his duties.

At the inception of this Committee and at the request of the Chairman, my particular responsibilities were defined as: contact with Naval Service; supervision of policy; and direction of surveys. A reliable executive assistant was appointed and is fully occupied with office duties.

Before leaving Ottawa in January, I was notified (to my gratification) that it was expected I would be required to commission one of H.M,C.S. "Base Ships", now building at Sorel.

This report is respectfully submitted in order to avoid last minute complications.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) B.L. JOHNSON
Commander, R.C.N.R. (Temporary)

Commodore W.J.R. Beech, R.C.N.
Commanding Officer Pacific Coast,
Esquimalt, B.C.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 6 - March 6,1942

There were twenty-one vessels sold during the week under review, and in addition, 38 vessels were released to registered owners, after our office had verified ship registers and licences. In all, 165 vessels have been released to date, or about 16 per cent of the vessels now recorded with the Committee.

The fleet is now well moored, and all damaged vessels either repaired or in hand. Hourly ferry service is operating, and interested purchasers, not exceeding 80 in number can be shown around the fleet each day. The following comparisons of passes issued and the number of persons inspecting boats indicate the increase in inspections:

	No. Passes	No.People
Up to and including Feb. 12.	20	43
Week ending Feb. 19.	21	52
" " Feb. 26	92	165
" " Mar. 5	122	258

These increased inspections have not yet reflected themselves in actual sales, but they should do so within the next few weeks.

Purchases by the larger fishing companies have been somewhat disappointing as yet. This is claimed to be due to differences in ideas of values; and in order to correct the situation your Committee is urging the parties to utilize the arbitration machinery available. It is the opinion of your Committee that settlement of a few of these cases would accomplish an acceleration of sales.

The Custodian of Alien Enemy Property advertised the vessels he had for sale, asking for tenders from those interested. This, we feel, has been a factor in slowing up general sales. These tenders will be open and considered within a few days.

Mr. Neil McLean, Fisheries Administrator, Wartime Price & Trade Board, called at the Committee's offices during the week, and the position of the Japanese fishing vessels was fully outlined to him.

In anticipation of acceleration on the removal of the Japanese from the protected coastal areas to interior points as soon as the B. C. Security Commission is fully functioning, your Committee, on the recommendation of Mr. Kimura, has appointed one reliable Japanese in each of the three fishing districts to act on behalf of Japanese fishing vessel owners in respect to the disposal of their vessels.

An appropriate form of Power of Attorney has been prepared and supplied to these men, so that they may have them executed by owners before they leave for interior points; and arrangement has been made with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to defer the removal of these three appointees until their work with the Committee is completed.

A statement showing the position of the vessels and values thereof, is attached hereto.

PH.

A.E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended March 5th 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 -	" " "	11	1	-	13	2	27
3. Released to Owners -	This Week	-	1	34	1	2	38
	Previously	-	-	22	1	14	37
	Total to Date	-	1	56	2	16	75
4. Completed Sales -	This Week	2	2	7	7	3	21
	Previously	9	3	24	5	1	42
	Total to Date	11	5	31	12	4	63
5. Total Vessels Released to Date		22	7	87	27	22	165

6. Value of Sales to Date $ 163,145.85
7. Cash Payment on Sales to Date $ 106,025.49
8. Amount paid to Vendors " " $ 79,927.22
9. Amount Earned by Commission @ 1% $ 1,631.46

10. Vessels Surveyed - This week 15 - Total to Date 74

SYMBOLS

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

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 7 - March 13, 1942.

35 vessels were sold during the week, and in addition 7 vessels were released to registered owners after verification of ships papers. In all, 209 vessels have been released to date, or about 20 per cent of the vessels now recorded with the Committee.

The Air Force and the Army Transport Department are seeking additional vessels, and our surveyors have assisted them in their selections. In all, 8 additional requisitions are anticipated.

Inspection of vessels continues to show an active interest. We repeat the statement shown in last week's report and have added passes issued and the number of people inspecting vessels, for the current week:

	No. Passes	No. People
Up to and including Feb. 12	20	43
Week ending Feb. 19	21	52
" " Feb. 26	92	165
" " Mar. 5	122	258
" " Mar. 12	145	268

In last week's report we expressed the opinion that the larger fishing companies would be stimulated into more active buying if the arbitration facilities set up by your Committee were used. We were able to bring one of the disputed cases with the Canadian Fishing Company to the Committee for arbitration this week, and had it promptly and satisfactorily settled. Arbitration was commenced on four other vessels, but application

was withdrawn, and the matter settled between the parties. All these five vessels were included in the sales approved by us during this week.

In the matter of settlement of claims for damage to vessels while in Naval Custody, the Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast, has submitted our recommendation that a fund be placed at the disposal of this Committee for the prompt settlement of claims surveyed jointly by the Committee's surveyor and the Naval Surveyor, to the Secretary, Naval Board, Ottawa, and we are now awaiting decision.

A total of 35 claims, totalling $3273.96, has been assessed to date. This does not include the claims which will come from the large number of vessels already repaired in shipyards, or in process of being repaired.

Regarding the vessels coming within the jurisdiction of the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property, which were advertised for sale through the press, an analysis has not yet been made of the tenders submitted on these vessels, but we should be able to report on this matter in next week's letter.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

PH.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended March 13th 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	-	-	6	-	1	7
	Previously	-	1	56	2	16	75
	Total To Date	-	1	62	2	17	82
4. Completed Sales -	This Week	8	3	13	10	1	35
	Previously	11	5	31	12	4	63
	Total to Date	19	8	44	22	5	98
5. Total Vessels Released to Date -		29	15	106	36	23	209

6. Value of Sales to Date	$ 314,473.55
7. Cash Payment on Sales to Date	$ 221,025.60
8. Amount Paid to Vendors " "	$ 118,496.20
9. Amount Earned by Commission @ 1%	$ 3,144.73

10. Vessels Surveyed -	This Week	38
	Total to Date	112

SYMBOLS

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

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-

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.

AEM/PH.

WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended March 19, 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	-	-	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

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

JAPANESE 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.

AEM/PH.

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

Week ended March 19, 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	4	-	8	2	1	15
	Previously	-	1	75	2	18	96
	Total to Date	4	1	83	4	19	111
4. Completed Sales	- This Week	-	1	36	10	7	54
	Previously	26	10	76	31	5	148
	Total to Date	26	11	112	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 " "	$ 239.219.93
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
E - Miscellaneous
F - Total

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS

Ltr. 31/3/42.

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 can not 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 BLDG., 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 CAN NOT 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.

SIDNEY A. SMITH, Chairman.

CIRCULAR NO. 2

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

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 10 - April 3, 1942

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.

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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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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

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

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:

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;909.34	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.

AEM/PH.

WEEKLY REPORT

Week ended April 9, 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	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	13	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

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.

AEM/PH.

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

Week ended April 16, 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	-	-	-	-	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

SYMBOLS:

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

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.

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A.E. McMaster, Executive Assistant.

WEEKLY REPORT 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

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

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE 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.

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.

Report of Progress - No. 14.

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.

AEM/PH.

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

No. 14 Week ended April 30, 1942.

		A	B	C	D	E	F
Vessel Types -							
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

SYMBOLS

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

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.

AEM/PH.

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

No. 15 Week ended May 7, 1942

		A	B	C	D	E	F
Vessel Types -							
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

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:

"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.

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

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

Circular No. 4

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.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH

WEEKLY REPORT

No. 17 Week ended May 21,1942

		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	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 toVendors 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

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.

AEM/PH.

WEEKLY REPORT

No. 18 Week ended May 28, 1942.

		A	B	C	D	E	F
Vessel Types -							
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

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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

31 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 secured for the 664 vessels sold to date have been as follows:

Seiners	33	$ 618.00
Packers	79	2372.00
Trollers	37	1644.00
Unclassified	30	915.00
Gill-Netters	485	574.00
Total	664	$1195.00

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A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

WEEKLY REPORT

No. 19 Week ended June 4, 1942

		A	B	C	D	E	F
Vessel Types -							
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. 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

MEMORANDUM

J.F.V.D.C.

TO Commodore W.J.R.Beech,R.C.N. VANCOUVER, B.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 in duplicate, which kindly substitute.

FOR INFORMATION

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL 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

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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.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES
No. 20 - 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.

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.

A.E.McMaster,
Executive Assistant

AEM/PH.

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

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 date 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.

WEEKLY REPORT

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. 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

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.

WEEKLY REPORT

No. 22 Week ended June 25, 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	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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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee:
THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH
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COMMANDER B. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., R.C.N.R.
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A. E. McMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

1528 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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. Regret advise companies have finally rejected proposal and there now seems little hope finding other means bulk disposal. 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. 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.

FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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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JAPANESE FISHING 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

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.

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

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

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.

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

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 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.

AEM/PH.

JAPANESE 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

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 Cop 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.

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.

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.

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

Week onded 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	124	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 - $688,134.77
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 " " 713

SYMBOLS

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

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.

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
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. Total Sales to Date	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 to Date	-	713

SYMBOLS

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

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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-

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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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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 Asst.

WEEKLY LETTER

No. 28

Week ended August 6th, 1942.

RECONCILEMENT STATEMENT OF VESSELS

	Seiners	Trollers	Gill-Netters	Packers	Misc.	Total
Number of Vessels						
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

JAPANESE 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 Dupply. In addition to these vessels there have been 11 requisitioned by the Royal

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.

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

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL C[illegible]ITTEE

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.

AEM/PH.
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WEEKLY LETTER

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
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 Throuch 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

JAPANESE 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.

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A.E McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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

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

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.

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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		51	52	629	93	54	879	
B.A.T.M.		-	3	-	12	1	16	
R.C. Services		-	-	-	-	-	-	
	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

JAPANESE 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 B ill 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.

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 C - Gill-Netters E - Misc.(Cod Boats.Etc.)
B - Trollers D - Packers 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

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMI

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	

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. However, 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 Corps, 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, N aval 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.

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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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 35 - September 24, 1942

In our last Report No.34, on Page 2, through a typographical error, we advised that, all purchases of Service vessels had been completed. This should have read, 21 purchases had then been completed.

A further 7 vessels were purchased during the current week, leaving only 5 of the Navy and Air Force vessels to complete.

No decision has been reached on the 11 Army vessels as yet.

The other concluding work of the Committee is progressing satisfactorily and will be brought to a conclusion as rapidly as possible.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

WEEKLY LETTER

No. 35 Week ended Sept. 24, 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	-	1
Total to the Services -	14	9	7	13	1	44
Released to Licensed Owners -	1	6	146	9	40	202
Sales to						
Public -	51	52	631	93	54	881
B.A.T.M. -	-	3	1	14	1	19
R.C.Services -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Sales -	51	55	632	107	55	900
Released to Custodian of E.P. -	-	46	74	17	41	178
Total Vessels Registered Through J.F.V.D.C. -	66	116	859	146	137	1324

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	-	$1,100,603.89
Cash Payment on Sales	-	863,777.02
Disbursements to Vendors	-	819,150.20
Remittances to Receiver General		13,044.01
Earnings on Commission to Date	-	11,006.03
Survey Charges to Date	-	2,177.00

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 36 - October 8, 1942.

The method of transfer of the Committee's accounts and records has been discussed and agreed upon, with the Custodian of Enemy Property.

It has been arranged that the accounts will be audited by Mr. S. V. Roberts, Supervising Treasury Officer, and that this work will be done as preliminary to transfer of all records.

The Committee's Executive Assistant adjusted suspense matters in relation to the purchase of Service Vessels and as to Naval Claims, while in Ottawa last week.

The first payments for Naval Vessels were secured by him and the amount concerned, viz. $170,640, is embodied in the attached statement.

The status of the principal concluding work of the Committee is reflected in the following:

Purchase of Service Vessels -

Including - 20 B.A.T.M.- 27 R.C.N.S.- 6 R.C.A.F.- 10 R.C.A.S.C.

	No.	%
Total No. Units Involved	63	100
Bills of Sales Completed - Accounts Rendered	50	80
Negotiations Nearing Completion	8	13
Negotiations Difficult - Owners Resisting	5	8

	No.	%
Forced Sales - Total Involved	152	100
Regularized by Completion of Bills of Sale	104	68
Claims - Loss and Damage Against Naval Service		
Total Number - Estimates from Surveys	926	100
Assembled and Registered	685	74
Papers Completed - Vouchers Prepared	329	36
Cheques Received in Settlement	269	29
Disbursements Complete	243	26
Vessel History Files		
Total Number Involved	1350	100
Assembled	1350	100
Verified - Complete	630	47

As there was no material change in the figures for the week ending October 1st, no statement was compiled for that period.

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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WEEKLY LETTER

No. 36

Week ended Oct. 8, 1942

SUMMARY OF VESSELS RELEASED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE

Vessel Types -	A	B	C	D	E	F
Requisitioned by R.C. Services						
Naval Service	-	4	-	5	-	9
Air Force	-	-	3	-	3	6
Army Service Corps	-	-	4	5	1	11
British Admiralty Tech. Mission	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total to the Services	-	4	7	5	10	1	27
Released to Licensed Owners	-	1	6	146	9	40	202
Sales to						
Public	-	51	53	634	93	57	888
B.A.T.M.	-	-	3	1	14	1	19
R.C.Services	-	10	2	2	3	-	17
Total Sales	-	61	58	637	110	58	924
Released to Custodian of E.P.	-	-	46	74	17	41	178
Total Vessels Registered Through J.F.V.D.C.	-	66	117	862	146	140	1331

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	-	$1,274,053.89
Cash Payment on Sales	-	1,034,979.62
Disbursements to Vendors	-	821,042.46
Remittances to Receiver General	-	13,195.63
Earnings on Commission to Date	-	12,740.53
Survey Charges to Date	-	2,279.50

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES
No. 37 - October 15, 1942.

When the Committee recommended that the records and unfinished business of its offices be turned over to the jurisdiction of the Custodian of Enemy Property, the principle adopted was, that the final work should be brought to as near a practical conclusion as possible. This was agreed to with Mr. McPherson, the Custodian, when he consented to support our recommendation.

It has now been agreed between us that the Custodian will take over one of the members of the Committee's staff, who is familiar with the handling of Naval Claims, and that the audit of the Committee's accounts and records commence next Monday, Oct. the 19th. Mr. S. V. Roberts, Supervising Treasury Officer in Vancouver, has been authorized to supervise this audit.

In respect to "forced sales". The present status is that of 152 sales made under this plan, 107 (70%) have been regularized by securing the signature of the Japanese owner on regular Bills of Sale, thus clearing title for the new owners.

The Committee realizing its obligation to the new owners of the remaining 45 vessels, has induced the Custodian of Enemy Property to execute Bills of Sale in favor of these owners, and thus coincidental with the audit of the Committee's records, these titles will all be cleared through the offices of the Committee.

Progress continues to be made in the clearing of the purchases of Service Vessels. The status of these purchases as at October the 15th, is as follows:

	Total Concerned		Purchases Completed			
	No. Vessels	Value	No.	%	Value	%
Naval Service	27	$281,530.00	23	85	$228,790.00	81
R.C.A.F.	6	30,000.00	5	83	23,900.00	80
R.C.A.S.C.	10	16,520.00	7	70	11,680.00	71
Total	43	$328,050.00	35	81	$264,370.00	80

It is interesting to note that the late exceptional run of salmon in the Fraser River has again renewed interest in the remaining Japanese vessels. We are advised that the Custodian has sold 42 vessels of those turned over to them by the Committee.

There is no change during the current week in the summary of vessels released through the Committee from that shown on our Weekly Letter of Oct. the 8th. We shall, therefore, not repeat this information in this letter.

The summary of values to date as at October the 15th is as follows:

Value of Sales	$1,276,083.89
Cash Payment on Sales	1,034,979.62
Disbursements to Vendors	868,958.86
Remittances to Receiver General	13,195.63
Earnings on Commission to Date	12,760.83
Survey Charges to Date	2,294.50

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Executive Assistant.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 38 - October 22, 1942

The auditors appointed through the Treasury Office of the Finance Department, Vancouver, commenced the audit of the Committee's records on Thursday morning, Oct. 22nd. We shall expect to report the approximate time of completion of the work in our next Weekly Letter.

The reduced staff of the Committee is continuing to function in respect to Naval claims, the purchase of Service vessels and regularizing "forced sales" and will continue to do so until the audit is complete.

Further payments have been received and disbursements made relative to Service vessels during the week, and the summary of values of all Committee's financial records as at Oct. 22nd, is as follows:

Value of Sales	$1,334,233.89
Cash Payment on Sales	1,093,129.62
Disbursements to Vendors	940,092.32
Remittances to Receiver General	13,195.63
Earnings on Commission to Date	13,342.33
Survey Charges to Date	2,342.50

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee:
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VANCOUVER, B.C.

November 3rd, 1942.

Commodore W. J. R. Beech, R.C.N.,
Commanding Officer Pacific Coast,
H.M.C.S. "Dockyard",
ESQUIMALT, B. C.

Dear Commodore Beech:

We enclose herewith the final Weekly Report of this Committee. We propose closing the offices of the Committee as soon as the auditors have verified our accounts. We shall turn over all of the records of the Committee to the Custodian of Enemy Property at that time, so that such records will be available to the Department of Naval Service if reference is desired.

We propose to prepare a comprehensive report on the activities of the Committee with analyses of the prices paid for vessels sold, and other pertinent data. Assuming it would be of interest to you to have a copy of this report, I shall see that one of these is forwarded to you when available.

Yours very truly,

A. E. McMaster,
Executive Assistant.

P.C. 10-5-15

The Secretary, Naval Board,
Department, National Defence,
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Forwarded for the information of the Department.

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H.M.C. Dockyard,
Esquimalt, B.C.
6th November, 1942.

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(Sgd.) W. J. R. BEECH

COMMODORE, R.C.N.,
Commanding Officer,
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

FINAL REPORT OF PROGRESS TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

No. 39 - October 31st, 1942

The Auditors of the Finance Department are making good progress in checking the financial transactions of the Committee and arrangements have been completed with the Custodian of Enemy Property as to the procedure to be followed in taking over all records. Transfer of these records however cannot be made until the audit is completed, therefore the actual date of transfer is dependent on this factor. The remaining staff of the Committee is giving the auditors every possible assistance in accelerating this work.

A comprehensive report of the work of the Committee will be completed coincidentally with the closing of its offices. The report will contain complete figures of the finances and other statistical data of the Committee's activities. In advance of this report we submit the attached statement of the position as at October 31st, 1942.

The principal change in the financial figures from those in this statement will be in the disbursements to vendors. The undistributed amount of $95259.10 remaining at the end of October is principally made up of the funds remaining in our hands from the sale of vessels to the Department of Munitions and Supply for the Navy, Air Force, and Army Services. Prior to paying the Japanese owners we are required to clear mortgage and other encumbrances, and we hope to have this job completed during the audit, so as not to complicate the subsequent work of the Custodian.

Included also in this balance is the unpaid amount due to owners whose vessels were sold by the Committee as "forced sales". The position at October 31st in this respect was:

	No. Vessels	%	Amount	%
Total Vessels Sold	152	100	$72031.00	100
Regularized by Execution of Bills of Sale - Oct. 31, 1942	136	89	63890.00	89
Remaining to be Regularized	16	11	8141.00	11

On representations made by us to the Custodian, he has agreed to execute bills of sale for these remaining vessels, thus enabling us to clear the balances involved prior to transfer.

The position of the purchase of Service vessels and those for British Admiralty Technical Mission as at October 31st is as follows:

Vessels Concerned	No. Vessels	Amount	%
B.A.T.M.	20	$ 70315.00	
R.C. Navy	26	265890.00	
R.C. Air Force	6	30000.00	
R.C. Army	10	16520.00	
Total	62	382725.00	100
Negotiations for Purchase Completed	57	338325.00	92
Payments Received by Committee	43	299105.00	70

F I N A L W E E K L Y L E T T E R

No. 39

October 31st, 1942

SUMMARY OF VESSELS RELEASED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE

Vessel Types -	A	B	C	D	E	F
Requisitioned by Services						
Naval Service -	-	-	-	3	-	3
Air Force -	-	3	-	3	-	6
Army Service Corps -	-	4	5	1	1	11
British Admiralty Tech. Mission -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total to the Services -	-	7	5	7	1	20
Released to Licensed Owners -	1	6	146	9	40	202
Sales to						
Public -	51	53	634	93	57	888
B.A.T.M. -	-	3	1	15	1	20
R.C. Services -	14	2	2	5	-	23
Total Sales -	65	58	637	113	58	931
Released to Custodian of E.P. -	-	46	74	17	41	178
Total Releases -	66	117	862	146	140	1331
% of Types -	5%	9%	65%	10%	11%	100%

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	-	$1338086.89
Collections	-	1096389.62
Disbursements to Vendors	-	987934.89
Remitted to Receiver General	-	13195.63
Amount Remaining for Disbursement	-	95259.10
Commission Earned @ 10%	-	13380.86
Survey Fees Collected	-	2329.50

REPORT OF

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

VANCOUVER. B. C.
December
1942.

REPORT OF

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

1. INTRODUCTION:

Immediately following the declaration of war with Japan in December 1941, steps were taken by Naval Service to bring into custody all fishing vessels owned by persons of Japanese nationality or Japanese origin. Over 1300 vessels of the various types were involved and these vessels were located at many places along the entire length of the British Columbia coast.

The method adopted was to assemble vessels at specific mooring areas, principally in the Fraser River near New Westminster where approximately 1,000 vessels were moored. Some 200 vessels were stored in Tuck's Inlet at Prince Rupert and the remainder at other outports. Vessels were immobilized when seized or after assembly at moorings, by removing vital engine parts and certain navigating instruments.

Circumstances attending the mass assembling of vessels at temporary moorings, in one small area in the Fraser River, under the severe weather conditions prevailing in December and January, caused considerable damage to individual units. Both hull and engine damage occurred and a number of small boats sank at their moorings.

This first impounding action contemplated only immobilization, consequently no provision was made for conditioning vessels for sale prior to the forming of the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

2. ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE:

The removal of this substantial part of the fishing fleet from active service, when the product was of vital importance to the food supply of the United Nations, prompted the Government to appoint a Committee for the purpose of returning these vessels to active fishing in the hands of fishermen of other than Japanese origin, so that the defence measure of impoundment would not result in a decrease in the production of the fishing industry of British Columbia. Therefore, under the authority of the War Measures Act, and of Order-in-Council, P. C. 288, of January 13th, 1942, this Committee known as the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee was created with the following personnel:-

The Honourable Mr. Justice Sidney Smith - Chairman.

Commander B. L. Johnson, D. S. O., R. C. N. R.

Mr. Kishizo Kimura.

The terms of reference recited in Order-in-Council were as follows:-

(1) "To make such arrangements as will make it possible for the present owners of detained vessels to freely negotiate for charters, leases or sales of such vessels as they own to persons other than those of Japanese origin, provided that the Committee approve of such charters, leases, or sales, which approval shall be a prerequisite for the use of such vessel under fishing license.

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

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

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

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

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

3. ORGANIZATION AND INITIAL STEPS:

The Committee held its first meeting in Vancouver on January 24th, 1942, when Mr. A. E. McMaster was appointed Executive Assistant, and initial procedure determined. A necessary staff immediately was organized, and the Committee's office was opened to the public in the Marine Building on January 28th, 1942.

With the advent of this Committee, it became necessary to reverse completely the immobilization procedure. Vessels had to be reconditioned for active fishing service and placed in position permitting the Committee to promote their sale to eligible fishermen.

Therefore, late in the month of January, in co-operation with the Committee, Naval Service proceeded to carry out the following:

(1) Raise sunken vessels and place them in local shipyards for overhaul.

(2) Repair hulls and engines of other vessels as required.

(3) Provide suitable mooring and assemble vessels thereat in position to facilitate inspection by prospective buyers, and for their convenience provide a ferry service from New Westminster Terminals to the fleet.

(4) Catalogue vessels by names, numbers and locations at the mooring.

Pending the availability of this fleet for inspection by prospective purchasers, the offices of the Committee were engaged in assembling the necessary data to permit of a comprehensive sales campaign, and to set up practical policies to accomplish the return of vessels to the Fishing Industry as quickly as possible.

Listing of vessels by Japanese owners was promoted with the very effective help of Mr. K. Kimura. This enabled the Committee to prepare detailed descriptive vessel sheets which were segregated according to type and made available to the public.

The Committee consulted with the principal Fishing Companies, Fishing Associations, Unions, and the Chief Supervisor of Fisheries, as to the requirements of the Industry. The markets were otherwise explored, and the public was informed through the press, by extensive advertising and by circular as to the procedure necessary for purchasing these fishing vessels.

4. GOVERNING POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:

The general policies adopted are outlined as follows:-

(1) Prospective purchasers were encouraged to negotiate freely with Japanese owners towards a mutually satisfactory purchase agreement. To this end the facilities of the offices of the Committee were extended to them.

(2) Having in mind that the Committee was a temporary agency and that it was desirable to obtain transfer of title without delay, only outright sales were approved.

(3) Term payments were permitted providing substantial cash payments were made, and providing deferred amounts were covered by mortgage. Deferred payments however, were the responsibility of the contracting parties, the Committee assuming no responsibility therefor except for approval of the terms of sale.

(4) In the event of a dispute between parties as to price, the services of the Committee were offered to arbitrate the difference.

(5) Facilities for inspection of vessels were provided through the issuance of permits and, as stated above, by the operation of a regular ferry service from New Westminster Terminals to the Fishing Fleet moorings.

(6) When a vessel was sold and damage or loss of equipment was claimed, provision was made for inspection by the surveyors of the Committee and Naval Service prior to release of vessel. Where loss or damage was found by surveyors to have occurred while vessel was in the custody of Naval Service, allowance was recommended under certain prescribed principles explained later in this report under section dealing with "Naval Claims", Page 30.

(7) When an agreement for sale was approved by the Committee, the cash payment involved was paid in to the offices of the Committee, an order on Naval Officer in charge of the fleet for the release of vessel given to the purchaser, and the Registrar of Shipping advised of the transaction. The new owner was then able to submit his Agreement for Sale to the Registrar of Shipping and secure his License or Certificate of Registry.

(8) The cash received by the Committee in these transactions in behalf of the Japanese owners, was disbursed to them after deduction of the 1% service charge, survey fees when applicable, and payments to creditors as authorized by the vendors. These Japanese owners liquidated a large amount of their mortgage and other indebtedness in this manner through the Committee.

5. CLASSIFICATION OF VESSELS:

The impounded vessels, as finally listed with the Committee, consisted of the following:

No. of Vessels	% of Total	Type
68	5	Seiners
120	9	Trollers
860	64	Gill-Netters
148	11	Packers
141	11	Cod-Fishers, etc.
1337	100	Total

Vessels varied greatly in age, consequently in value. While information as to age was not available for all vessels, this data was supplied for a large number by the Japanese owners when listing their vessels with the Committee. The following compilation from this data can be taken as indicative of the relative position by age groups. It should be noted however, that the natural tendency of the Japanese owners in supplying this information was towards minimization. They were the vendors of these vessels.

Age	No. of Vessels	% of Total
1 to 3 years	210	18.4
4 to 6 "	209	18.3
7 to 9 "	157	13.8
10 to 12 "	236	20.7
13 to 15 "	175	15.3
16 to 18 "	60	5.2
19 to 21 "	44	3.9
22 to 24 "	34	3.0
25 years old and over	16	1.4
Total	1141	100%

In normal years there are several hundred fishing vessels built annually in British Columbia, especially of the Gill-Netter type. Construction practically has ceased under the restrictive priority conditions prevailing. As a consequence, the availability of these Japanese vessels served as a means of permitting the metamorphosis which has taken place in the Fishing Industry of this Province since Japanese fishermen were denied the right to participate therein.

6. CHRONOLOGICAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S OPERATIONS:

For the purpose of this review it has been considered advisable to divide the activities into four periods which we designate as follows:-

A - Initial Sales

B - Most Active Sales

C - Declining Sales and Transfer to Custodian

D - Closing Period

Period A - Initial Sales

January 28 to February 28, 1942

Until the Naval Service establishment at New Westminster advanced the work of conditioning the vessels concerned, inspection of individual units could be effectively accomplished only by bringing selected boats to New Westminster Terminals for inspection by prospective buyers. This resulted in slow progress in sales in the initial period of operations.

Consultation with the General Supervisor of Fisheries of British Columbia and with other authorities, revealed the desired priority in best serving the various types of fishing. Herring fishing was in progress when the Committee opened its offices and, due to the importance of facilitating the production of a large herring pack needed to meet the urgent requirements of the British Government, preference was given to releasing boats used in this branch of the Industry. Spring salmon trolling came on in February, Halibut fishing the following month, and the principal Salmon fishing in June. Wherever possible then, preference in releasing vessels was given in that order.

The principal fishing companies recognized the mutuality of interest in restoring vessels to active fishing and agreed to cooperate with the Committee in every possible way. They explained their position: that they were not interested in the capital investment represented in the purchase of these fishing vessels as such, but acknowledged the necessity of financing white fishermen in support of the policy of the Committee in approving of outright sales only.

In this period there existed an erroneous impression in the minds of certain Japanese groups that they might be allowed to fish under supervision. This built up certain sales resistance, to overcome which the Committee appointed several Japanese recommended by Mr. Kimura, actively to dissipate the impression and to urge all Japanese owners to take advantage of the facilities offered by the Committee in disposing of their vessels.

In addition to the vessels in the Fraser River, descriptions of the impounded vessels at Prince Rupert and out-ports were segregated and their availability advertised; and the fishing companies having interests in the districts concerned, fully advised.

Amongst the vessels impounded were many which, while operated by Japanese fishermen, were actually owned by the fishing companies. Some of these vessels too, sustained damage and/or loss of equipment while in Naval Custody. On verification of approved ownership, and after survey in the event of claim for loss or damage, these vessels were accordingly released. Such vessels have been reported under the caption "Released to Owners".

Towards the end of this period, a sufficient number of vessels was available for inspection at Fraser River moorings to warrant the inauguration of a regular ferry service from New Westminster Terminals.

The following vessels were released during this period: i.e., from the opening of the Committee's offices to February 28th. 1942

Type of Vessel	Sales	Released to owners	Req's'd by Services	Total Released
Seiners	11	1	11	23
Trollers	4	0	1	5
Gillnetters	26	49	0	75
Packers	4	3	13	20
Cod Boats,etc.	1	8	2	11
Total ...	46	61	27	134

In this period 343 persons inspected the vessels and 63 vessels were surveyed by the Surveyors of the Naval Service and the Committee.

PERIOD B - MOST ACTIVE SALES
March 1st - May 31st
1942

The anticipated increase in sales activity did not open up immediately after the inauguration of regular inspection service at the moorings. It was found that the deterrent factor was disagreement as to price. In listing their vessels with the Committee, the majority of Japanese owners quoted an excessive price. This was generally higher than the prospective purchaser was prepared to pay, consequently the Committee engaged a highly qualified fishing vessel valuator to survey all unsold vessels and place a fair value on each unit. The value so determined was used as a basis to establish what became known as the Committee's "Suggested Negotiating Price". Cards were printed showing this negotiating price, and one posted in a window of each pilot house.

This action at once greatly stimulated negotiations and the period of most active sales consequently occurred in March, April, and early in May. Two hundred and fifty-six vessels were sold in March, Two hundred and thirty seven in April and one hundred and thirty-two in May.

The method adopted in surveying vessels for alleged damage or loss of equipment was explained on Page five (5) hereof. No provision for the payment of the ensuing claims had been made when this sales period opened. The Committee recommended that the necessary finances should be provided for this purpose and suggested that the offices of the Committee be utilized to prepare the necessary documents and submissions to the end that approved claims be promptly paid. This recommendation was accepted and the necessary authorization given effect through Orders-in-council P.C.3737 May 5th, 1942 and P.C.6787, July 31st. 1942. For the purpose of reference, we shall discuss this factor more in detail later in this report under the caption "Report on Loss and Damage claims" - Schedule 6, Page 30.

By the middle of May over 600 boats had been sold, and all these sales were consummated by free negotiation between buyer and seller. When the requirements of the Committee were understood by the Japanese owners, the majority became reconciled to the disposal of their vessels and co-operated to this end. This is exemplified in the fact that, while the simple arbitration procedure of the Committee was well understood, in one case only was this arbitration requested in order to settle a price dispute and both parties were completely satisfied with the award.

However, in the latter part of May it became evident that certain Japanese groups were determined to retain ownership of their vessels and leave it to Government agency to continue their care and upkeep indefinitely. Inasmuch as these groups had been afforded an equal opportunity to sell as the co-operating majority, and in view of the fact that it was essential to relieve the Navy Service from the care of the vessels remaining in custody as quickly as possible, the Committee adopted the following resolution:-

"When a bona fide offer to purchase a vessel is made by an eligible applicant and the price is deemed fair, but not less than "suggested negotiating price", and the Japanese continues to refuse to sell, or places an unduly high price on his vessel and refuses to arbitrate, the Committee will sell the vessel at a price determined as fair by them, accepting cash payment therefor which shall be held in trust until the Japanese owner completes the transaction by delivering his license or register and executing a Bill of Sale.

"The new owner to be given a letter or prepared form, addressed to the Registrar of Shipping, of a nature acceptable to him. This form will permit the new owner to operate the vessel, pending completion of permanent documents."

152 vessels were sold under this "Forced Sales" plan. Following the consummation of a forced sale, the Committee advised the former Japanese owner of the details of the sale, and of the proceeds available to him on the execution by him of the regular sales agreement form furnished by the Committee. Approximately two-thirds of these owners regularized the sale by executing the "forced sales" document, and in these cases the net amount accruing was remitted by the Committee to the vendor at his evacuation camp. The completed bill of sale then was forwarded to the new owner, thus enabling him to obtain a clear title.

The Committee was under obligation to the remaining new owners similarly to clear their titles. Consequently, on explaining the situation to the Custodian of Enemy Property, he, under the authority vested in him, executed bills of sale for the vessels concerned, in behalf of Japanese owners. The titles were thus cleared on all the remaining vessels sold under this plan and the net amounts due Japanese owners remitted accordingly to the Custodian.

The total value of all sales under this plan amounted to $72,031.00. The Committee's "suggested negotiating price" was $70,110.00 and the actual surveyed value was $60,000.00; hence in total, the owners received 2.7% above the negotiating price and 20% above the survey price, on a total of 152 vessels concerned.

Up to this time no releases were approved without assurance that the vessel purchased would be used by the new owner in the Fishing Industry of British Columbia. In the latter part of May, the Committee reached the conclusion that a position had been attained whereby the vessels then returned to the Fishing Industry through sales and releases insured that the production of the industry would not suffer by reason of Naval Impoundment action.

In view of this and with the consent of the Minister of Fisheries, the remaining vessels were offered to the general public and wide publicity of this policy given through the Press. Very few sales to the general public resulted, chiefly due to the rigid gasoline restrictions and also to the fact that the vessels remaining available were not well adapted to other than Fishing purposes.

On March 15th the British Admiralty Technical Mission requested that twenty (20) vessels of a specified type and speed be selected from those available for the purposes of the British Admiralty. In co-operation with the Commanding Officer,Pacific Coast Naval Service, this selection was promptly made and the Technical Mission's specification as to repair and shipment carried through to a conclusion during this and in the following period. Further details are shown in Schedule 2, Page 24.

The vessels released in this period were as follows:

Type of Vessel	Sales	Released to Owners	Req's'd by Services	Total Released
Seiners	22	0	0	22
Trollers	33	3	10	46
Gillnetters	463	86	8	557
Packers	75	3	15	93
Cod Boats & Misc.	32	25	0	57
TOTAL ...	625	117	33	775

During this period 2858 people visited the fleet, 364 surveys were made in connection with claims for loss and damage and 713 vessels were surveyed for valuation.

Period C
June 1st to August 5th 1942

Period of declining sales and the transfer of vessels remaining unsold at August 5th, 1942, to the Custodian of Enemy Property

As June advanced, it became evident that the capacity of the current market to absorb these vessels was nearing exhaustion. The principal objective of the Committee in regard to the needs of the Fishing Industry having been attained, it became imperative that the Navy personnel at the New Westminster establishment be relieved.

Prolonged negotiations took place with the fishing companies in June and July with object of having them take over the remaining vessels either by purchase or under a bailment plan with option to purchase. For a time it appeared that one or other of these plans might be susccessful, but in the end only one Company, Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd., concluded an arrangement. They took over the responsibility of 52 vessels on an arrangement which included option of purchasing or using any one or more vessels during the current fishing season at a nominal rental of $25.00 per boat.

Early in July, when it was apparent that the fishing companies would not take all of the remaining vessels, the Committee recommended that the Custodian of Enemy Property assume responsibility for them. This recommendation was approved and the transfer authorized through Order-in-council P.C. 6247 July 20th, 1942. The Committee assisted both agencies in arranging the details of effecting the transfer which was consummated on August 5th. 1942.

This transfer included 97 vessels at New Westminster, 16 at Prince Rupert and several at outlying canneries, and the responsibility for the supervision of the Nelson Bros. agreement.

Coincident with the release of vessels by Naval authority, a joint survey was made by the surveyors of Naval Service and the Custodian's office in order to fix responsibility for loss or damage claims.

A summary of vessels released during the period, June 1st to August 5th inclusive, follows:

Period C - June 1st - August 5th, 1942

Type of Vessel	Sales	Released to Owners	Req'n'd by Services	Transf'd to Custodian	Total
Seiner	13	0	3	1	17
Troller	16	2	- 2	44	60
G.Netter	138	12	- 1	70	219
Packer	14	3	-16	18	19
Cod Boats	21	7	- 1	43	70
TOTAL	202	24	-17	176	385

NOTE - Minus figures represent number of requisitioned vessels converted to sales.

661 persons inspected the fleet in this period, 299 vessels were surveyed for assessment of claims for loss or damage and 214 for valuation.

Period D
August 6th to November, 1942

Final period of operation

Order-in-Council P.C.3737 only provided for the transfer of the vessels unsold at July 31st, 1942, together with the records pertaining thereto. No provision was made for the transfer of records and of the unfinished business of the Committee concerned with the vessels sold or released by it nor for the administration of Naval claims. However, the Custodian agreed to assume this added responsibility, provided the Committee would bring this work to as near a state of completion as practical, prior to transfer.

It was also mutually agreed that the Committee would release to the Custodian's office at the time of such transfer, as many experienced members of its staff as were deemed necessary.

The remaining work of the Committee included completion of: Naval claims, purchases of vessels for the Royal Canadian Services, disbursements of amounts due Japanese owners and the assembling of permanent records.

In many cases the assembling and completing of documents supporting claims against Naval Service proved a slow procedure, due chiefly to the delay in securing the necessary papers from both the Fishing Companies and the evacuated Japanese owners. Schedule 6 Page 30. contains further details of the principles followed in the administration of claims, and the status when transfer was made to the Custodian.

In the latter part of July instructions to purchase vessels for the Naval Service, the Army and the Air Force were received from the Department of Munitions and Supply. These included all vessels previously requisitioned from the Japanese Fishing Fleet: 27 by Naval Service, 10 by Army Service Corps and 6 by the Air Force. At the time these vessels were requisitioned, early in the year, values were established by the Advisory Board on requisitioning and were based on surveys made by Lloyd's Register of Shipping. Originally it had been intended that all the requisitioned vessels should be chartered from the Japanese owners and it was not until July that this policy was changed and outright purchase decided upon.

These purchases were effected on the basis of Lloyd's surveyed price, charter fees from the time of requisitioning to date of purchase being disregarded. All the Japanese owners were living at evacuation camps, which required that negotiations be carried on by correspondence.

While difficulty was experienced in satisfying some of the vendors over the cancellation of interim charter fees, all the purchases were brought to a practical conclusion during this final period.

The method used in handling the documents concerned was as follows:-

(1) When bill of sale was completed this document with the Committee's certified invoice was forwarded to the Negotiations Branch for the Director General, Shipbuilding Branch, Department of Munitions and Supply.

(2) On receipt of cheques in payment financial encumbrances were cleared, the Committee's commission of one percent (1%) and survey charges deducted and the balance of purchase price remitted to vendor. A statement showing the details of the purchases is included herein as Schedule 3 Page 25.

Audit

Audit of the Committee's accounts was carried out under the direction of Mr. S. V. Roberts, Supervising Treasury Officer, Vancouver. Verification of the sales operating records was completed December 3rd. and these were transferred to the Custodian, December 4th. 1942.

The following statements show the closing figures as verified by audit, details and analyses of which are included in the following section and as schedule 4 - Page 27 in Part II hereof.

Distribution of Sales Values

	No. Vessels	Value
Sales of vessels to Fishing Industry	887	$1,021,530.89
" " " " Royal Canadian Services	43	314,210.00
" " " " British Admiralty Technical Mission	20	70,315.00
TOTAL vessels sold	950	$1,406,055.89
Sale of Fishing gear, Camps, etc.		16,800.00
Sale of Misc. small Row-boats, etc.		326.00
TOTAL value of sales		$1,423,181.89

Closing Financial Summary

Total of Cash Collections on above sales		$1,116,889.62
Payment to Vendors	$1,089,097.47	
Remittances to Receiver General	16,658.81	
Transferred to Custodian Nov.30/42	11,133.34	
Balance	$1,116,889.62	$1,116,889.62

The details of the balance transferred to the office of the Custodian, viz., $11,133.34, are set out in the audited statement included herein as Schedule 5 Page

The history of each account concerned is contained in individual vessel files which will enable the Custodian to complete all transactions without difficulty.

7. COST OF OPERATION OF COMMITTEE'S OFFICES

The total cost of the Committee was considerably effected by the added work involved in the handling of Naval Claims for loss and damage and in the supervision of the conditioning and shipping of British Admiralty Technical Mission vessels.

The recommendation of the Committee that a One per-cent (1%) commission on sales be assessed, was based on an estimate of cost which contemplated only the implementing of the terms of reference contained in Order-in-Council PC 288, January 13th, 1942.

While the additional costs were anticipated when these added responsibilities were assigned to it, the Committee considered it impracticable to recommend that the commission rate on remaining vessels be increased in order to cover the added costs. However, a record of the expenses of the several services performed was maintained and thus it is possible to submit the following distribution of costs so that assessment may be made accordingly:-

Total Costs Classified	Amount
Pay Rolls, including Marine Surveyors	$15,937.41
Office Rent and General Office Expense	5,576.79
Traveling expenses, including Auto allowances	952.08
Sundry Expenses, including legal fees, Advertising - General Administrative Expense	2,447.21
Total Expenses	$24,913.49

Distribution of Expenses to Services	Amount	%
A - Sales and Releases of vessels to the Fishing Industry, O-I-C P. C. 288	$12,311.47	49.5
B - Purchase of Vessels for R.C.Services	2,395.17	9.6
C - British Admiralty Technical Mission Vessels, Purchase of - Supervision of repair - Shipping, etc.	2,551.81	10.3
D - Administration of Naval Claims Settlements - O-I-C P.C. 3737,5/5/42	7,655.04	30.6
Total cost of all Services	24,913.49	100.0

Recapitulation to show the Net Cost of Services in returning vessels to the Fishing Industry

Grand total cost of all Services as shown above			$24,913.49
Less Cost of supervising Naval claims		$7,655.04	
Less Cost re B.A.T.M.vessels	$2,551.81		
Credit by Commission & Survey	803.15		
Net B. A. T. M.	1,748.66	1,748.66	
TOTAL cost of special services		$9,403.70	$9,403.70
Leaving gross cost of carrying through the principal function of the Committee under Order-in-Council P.C. 288, Jan. 13th, 1942			15,509.79
Revenue received on these vessels from Commission at 1% in accordance with O-I-C P.C. 987, Feb. 9/42 and from recovery of Survey fees			16,658.81
Excess revenue on this Principal Function			$ 1,149.02

8. ANALYTICAL SUMMARIES OF ALL VESSELS SOLD AND RELEASED

The following table shows the distribution of all vessels registered through the offices of the Committee

SUMMARY OF VESSELS RELEASED

Number of Units Closing figures

Sold to	SEINERS	TROLLERS	G.NETTERS	PACKERS	COD BOATS ETC.	TOTAL	
The Public	53	57	625	94	58	887	
Br.Adm.T.Mission	-	3	1	15	1	20	
R.C.Naval Service	14	2	2	8	1	27	
R.C.Air Force	-	3	-	3	-	6	
R.C.Army Corps	-	4	5	-	1	10	
TOTAL sold	67	69	633	120	61	950	71.1
PERCENTAGE	7.1	7.3	66.6	12.6	6.4	100	
Released to owners	1	5	145	9	40	200	14.9
PERCENTAGE	.5	2.5	72.5	4.5	20.0	100	
# Transferred to Custodian	-	46	82	18	41	187	14.0
PERCENTAGE	-	25.0	44.0	9.0	22.0	100	
Total vessels released	68	120	860	147	142	1337	100
PERCENTAGE	5.1	9.0	64.3	11.0	10.6	100	

includes 52 vessels transferred to Nelson Bros. - see page 13

No. persons inspecting fleet	3,862
No. surveys for loss and damage	726
No. surveys for value	927

References for further details -

Sales to the Public	Schedule	1	Page	23
Sales to R.C.Services	"	3	"	25
Sales to B.A.T.M. Services	"	2	"	24

Most of the vessels turned over to the Custodian will be sold or leased to the Fishing Industry, over fifty having been sold to date. Therefore, ultimately, 90% of the entire impounded fleet will have been returned to active fishing.

An analysis of the 887 vessels sold to the Public through these offices shows the following distribution:-

Principal Fishing Co's.	Total number of vessels	% of total
B. C. Packers Ltd.	237	26.7
Canadian Fishing Co.	151	17.1
A. B. C. Packing Co.	99	11.1
Nelson Bros. Ltd.	67	7.5
J. H. Todd and Sons	29	3.3
F. Millerd and Co.	29	3.3
Great West Packing Co.	22	2.5
Cassiar Packing Co.	13	1.5
North Shore Packing Co.	7	.8
Queen Charlotte Fisheries Ltd.	6	.7
TOTAL	660	74.5
Individual Fishermen and Small Companies	227	25.5
GRAND TOTAL	887	100%

DISTRIBUTION OF VESSELS SOLD

	TYPES					
	Fishing Companies		Individual		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Seiners	42	6.3	11	4.8	53	6.0
Trollers	18	2.7	39	17.2	57	6.4
Gillnetters	507	76.9	118	52.0	625	70.5
Packers	74	11.2	20	8.8	94	10.6
Cod Boats, etc	19	2.9	39	17.2	58	6.5
TOTAL	660	100.0	227	100.0	887	100.0

It maybe noted that 75% of the sales to the Industry were made to the principal fishing companies compared with 25% to the individuals and small companies. An analytical statement of this distribution is shown herein as Schedule 1 Page 23.

The large companies purchased the major percentage of all types except trollers and cod boats - types principally concerned in the production of fresh fish. This product is sold freely in open markets whereas products from other types generally go to specific canning companies.

The large companies were concerned in seeing to it that vessels of the gillnetter, seiner and packer types were made available to fishermen who required financial assistance in securing these vessels. The Companies purchased the boats in their own names but immediately resold to individual fishermen at the same purchase price, giving liberal terms for repayment without interest. It is reasonable to conclude that at least 90% of all small vessels purchased by the fishing companies ultimately will be owned by individual fishermen, and that, therefore, 93% of the 887 vessels sold through the Committee will be so owned.

The average price paid for each type of vessel(exclusive of those especially selected for the British Admiralty Technical Mission and for the Royal Canadian Services) was as follows:

Type	No. of Vessels	Average price
Seiners	53	$ 5,694.26
Trollers	57	1,321.05
Gillnetters	625	620.14
Packers	94	2,275.78
Cod Boats, etc.	58	740.04
TOTAL AVERAGE	887	$1,151.67

The Seiners and packers were principally of the smaller size, most of the larger vessels of these types having been requisitioned by the Canadian Services.

Comparisons have been made of the price originally placed on vessels by Japanese owners, the Surveyors' price and the Committee's "Suggested negotiating price". Price data was not available on all vessels but the large number taken into calculation can be accepted as indicative of the total position.

The result showed that the actual average sales price was:

5.8% above the "Suggested negotiating price"

21.7 % above the Surveyors' appraised price.

22.5 % below the Japanese initial asking price.

It has been stated already that, except for "Forced Sales" all transactions were consummated after free negotiation between buyer and seller. No sales were approved at a price below "Suggested negotiating price" without the consent of the owner.

9. CONCLUSION

The Committee gratefully acknowledges the excellent co-operation received throughout the period of its activities from the following:

Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast, Naval Service and the Officers of his Command.

Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Mr. A. J. Whitmore, and Mr. F. O. Weeks, of the Department of Fisheries, Ottawa.

Chief Supervisor of Fisheries, Vancouver, and Mr. Wm. Chapman

Custodian of Enemy Property, Vancouver.

Registrar of Shipping, Vancouver, Mr. A. J. Gleam and Mr. S. B. Kemp.

Registrar of Shipping, New Westminster

Registrar of Shipping, Prince Rupert

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Vancouver,

British Columbia Security Commission

Principle Fishing Companies

The Daily Press

Respectfully submitted

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Executive Assistant

PART II

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ANALYSIS OF VESSELS SOLD TO THE FISHING INDUSTRY

PRINCIPAL FISHING COMPANIES	SEINERS No.	SEINERS Amount	TROLLERS No.	TROLLERS Amount	GILLNETTERS No.	GILLNETTERS Amount	PACKERS No.	PACKERS Amount	COD BOATS, etc. No.	COD BOATS, etc. Amount	TOTAL No.	TOTAL Amount
B. C. Packers	11	$51,770.00	9	$15,225.00	183	$121,399.00	25	$56,385.00	9	$6,075.00	237	$250,854.00
Canadian Fish Co.	6	39,771.00	2	2,900.00	119	81,431.95	18	37,400.00	6	6,565.00	151	168,067.95
A.B.C.Packing Co.	1	7,500.00	-	--	83	45,140.04	13	21,849.00	2	226.30	99	74,715.34
Nelson Bros.	5	34,000.00	4	4,825.00	55	35,666.00	3	4,000.00	-	--	67	78,491.00
J.H.Todd and Sons	8	48,490.00	1	1,500.00	16	8,975.00	3	13,900.00	1	675.00	29	73,540.00
F. Millerd & Co.	5	6,415.00	-	--	18	11,225.00	5	9,900.00	1	605.00	29	28,145.00
Great West Pkg. Co.	-	--	-	--	21	12,825.00	1	3,400.00	-	--	22	16,225.00
Cassiar Pack. Co.	-	--	-	--	12	6,375.00	1	750.00	-	--	13	7,125.00
North Shore Pkg.Co.	4	27,200.00	2	3,300.00	-	--	1	9,500.00	-	--	7	40,000.00
Queen Charlotte Fisheries Ltd.	2	21,750.00	-	--	-	--	4	6,050.00	-	--	6	27,800.00
TOTAL	42	$236,896.00	18	$27,750.00	507	$323,036.99	74	$163,134.00	19	$14,146.30	660	$764,963.29
AVERAGE PER VESSEL		5,640.38		1,541.67		637.15		2,204.51		744.54		1,159.03
INDIVIDUAL FISHERMEN	11	64,900.00	39	47,550.00	118	64,552.00	20	50,789.60	39	28,776.00	227	256,567.60
AVERAGE PER VESSEL		5,900.00		1,219.23		547.05		2,539.48		737.85		1,130.25
TOTAL INDUSTRY	53	301,796.00	57	75,300.00	625	387,588.99	94	213,923.60	58	42,922.30	887	1021,530.89
AVERAGE PER VESSEL		$5,694.26		$1,321.05		$620.14		$2,275.78		$740.04		$1,151.67

SChedule No. 1

REPORT ON BRITISH ADMIRALTY TECHNICAL MISSION VESSELS PURCHASED

During the month of March, in co-operation with Naval Service, 20 vessels of specific dimensions and power were selected from those available (principally of the small packer type) for the British Admiralty Technical Mission, Ottawa. After trial speed runs and final selection of vessels, the Committee was requested to complete the commission in co-ordination with Lloyd's Register of Shipping. This included the following details:

Surveying for value and reconditioning
Supervising shipyard work
Purchase of vessels from Japanese owners
Purchase of spare parts as specified
Securing priority for U.S.A. purchaaes
Securing of special rail freight rates
Shipping of vessels and parts as completed
Preparation of all documents, including invoices
Settlement of purchase price with Japanese

The first vessels were shipped May 9th. 1942 and the final shipment was made July 27th.

The amount of detail involved in carrying out this work was considerably out of proportion to that of ordinary sales, consequently a record of the cost to the Committee was made and is shown as a separate item on Page 19 hereof.

Particulars of the vessels concerned are as follows:

No.	Name of Vessel	Registered or Licensed No.	Vessel type	Purchase Price
1	"Biwako"	134105 V	Troller	$1,640.00
2	"Blue Heaven"	2292 NW	Troller	4,100.00
3	"Brockton Point"	150427	Packer	3,260.00
4	"Cherryland"	1798 NW	Packer	2,140.00
5	"Florence U"	154339	Packer	4,180.00
6	"Gardner M"	154669	Packer	2,650.00
7	"Grain"	154973	Packer	1,860.00
8	"Hommura"	154331	Packer	4,450.00
9	"Howe Sound II"	140919	Packer	5,430.00
10	"Kuroshima II"	153271	Packer	3,750.00
11	"Matsue I"	134115	Packer	2,440.00
12	"Matsue II"	158920	Packer	4,660.00
13	"Ozaki II"	2265 NW	Packer	4,200.00
14	"S. A."	1573 V	Packer	2,800.00
15	"Salt Spray"	141533	Packer	2,500.00
16	"Sea Eagle H"	1626	Other	3,650.00
17	"T. M. B. No. I"	170685	Packer	4,000.00
18	"Viola Y"	2776 NW	Packer	5,550.00
19	"Western Pride"	170394	Troller	2,680.00
20	"Y. W. No. II"	172340	Gillnetter	4,375.00
	TOTAL OF 20 VESSELS	.....		70,315.00

STATEMENT OF VESSELS PURCHASED BY THE COMMITTEE IN BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY FOR THE ROYAL CANADIAN SERVICES

No.	Name of Vessel	Registered or Licensed No.	Vessel Type	Purchase Price
		NAVAL SERVICE		
1	"Barclay Sound"	172543	Seiner	$16,400.00
2	"Blue Nose"	3236 NW	Troller	3,650.00
3	"C. S. C. No. II"	155102	Seiner	7,500.00
4	"Early Field"	153080	Seiner	7,300.00
5	"Glendale V"	1573 V	Seiner	14,800.00
6	"Seiner"	152892	Seiner	8,360.00
7	"Western Maid"	158916	Seiner	10,200.00
8	"May S"	154437	Seiner	8,750.00
9	"Chatham S"	183606	Packer	1,650.00
10	"Smith Sound"	172530	Seiner	14,100.00
11	"Sea Flash"	2750	Troller	2,950.00
12	"Kuroshio"	171790	Packer	22,000.00
13	"Arashio"	171791	Packer	21,830.00
14	"Sakura"	3253 NW	Gillnet.	1,500.00
15	"Howe Sound"	173572	Seiner	21,000.00
16	"Camenita"	154340	Seiner	6,900.00
17	"Y. M."	2650 NW	Gillnet.	1,750.00
18	"Chamiss Bay"	154926	Seiner	10,800.00
19	"Departure Bay"	153296	Packer	7,500.00
20	"Departure Bay II"	154660	Packer	12,500.00
21	"Moresby III"	153050	Seiner	5,850.00
22	"Merry Chase"	155235	Seiner	11,250.00
23	"Hatta VII"	171798	Seiner	10,250.00
24	"Loyal II"	156618	Packer	13,800.00
25	"Loyal I"	154648	Packer	10,900.00
26	"Springtime V"	172350	Packer	12,400.00
27	"Queen Bee"	1988 PR	Misc.	1,800.00
	Total of Value - 27 vessels			$267,690.00

No.	Name of Vessel	Registered or Licensed No.	Vessel type	Purchase Price
		AIR FORCE		
1	"Red Wing"	3267 NW	Troller	$3,550.00
2	"Silver Spring"	3220 NW	Troller	3,750.00
3	"Evergreen"	3263 NW	Troller	3,500.00
4	"Kiku"	172327	Packer	5,600.00
5	"Sea Maid Y II"	173402	Packer	7,500.00
6	"Springtime"	152878	Packer	6,100.00
	Total of Value - 6 vessels			$30,000.00
		ARMY SERVICE CORPS		
1	"Mary Y" 3149	1504 NW	Troller	$1,700.00
2	"Blue Heaven"	2896 NW	Troller	3,180.00
3	"Castle Island"	091C NW	Gillnet	1,100.00
4	"S. H." 1372	2291 NW	Gillnet	1,100.00
5	"T. Y."	2249 NW	Troller	1,750.00
6	"Y. O."II	2778 NW	Misc.	1,050.00
7	"Elsie N"	3303 NW	Gillnet	1,800.00
8	"Emy S"	1809 NW	Troller	1,840.00
9	"Rip Tide"	5415 NW	Gillnet	1,200.00
10	"I. S."	2768 NW	Gillnet	1,800.00
	Total of Value - 10 vessels			$16,520.00
		ALL SERVICES		
	Grand total - 43 vessels			$314,210.00

SUMMARY OF ALL VESSELS SOLD AS LISTED IN SCHEDULES 1 - 2 and 3

	SEINERS	TROLLERS	GILLNETTERS	PACKERS	COD BOATS & MISC. N.O.S.	TOTAL
THE FISHING INDUSTRY						
TOTAL VALUE	$301,796.00	$75,300.00	$387,588.99	$213,923.60	$42,922.30	$1,021,530.89
AVERAGE PER UNIT	5,694.26	1,321.05	620.14	2,275.78	740.04	1,151.67
No. of units	53	57	625	94	58	887
BR.ADMIRALTY T. MISSION						
TOTAL VALUE	-	8,420.00	4,375.00	53,870.00	3,650.00	70,315.00
AVERAGE PER UNIT	-	2,806.66	4,375.00	3,591.33	3,650.00	3,515.75
No. of units	-	3	1	15	1	20
R. C. SERVICE VESSELS						
TOTAL VALUE	153,460.00	25,870.00	10,250.00	121,780.00	2,850.00	314,210.00
AVERAGE PER UNIT	10,961.43	2,874.44	1,468.28	11,070.91	1,425.00	7,307.21
No. of units	14	9	7	11	2	43
GRAND TOTAL OF SALES						
TOTAL VALUE	455,256.00	109,590.00	402,213.99	389,573.60	49,422.30	1,406,055.89
AVERAGE PER UNIT	6,794.86	1,565.57	636.41	3,246.45	810.20	1,480.06
No. of units	67	~~70~~ 69	~~632~~ 633	120	61	950

RECONCILEMENT WITH VALUE OF ALL SALES

Total value of Fishing Vessel sales as above	...	$1,406,055.89
Value of sales, Pleasure and Row boats	...	326.00
Value of sales, Fishing Gear, Camps, etc.	...	16,800.00
Grand total value of all sales (See page ~~28~~)		1,423,181.89

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

	No. of Vessels sold	Value of Sales	Cash Collections	Payment to Vendors	Com. & S'vey charges remitted to Rec.General
February	46	$124,729.85	$77,352.97	$55,343.05	$
March	256	401,575.39	315,962.47	278,600.29	1,247.20
April	238	202,046.00	182,886.87	210,308.34	4,442.75
May	136	133,243.00	97,051.84	85,821.34	2,765.46
June	120	73,150.00	67,990.00	41,750.30	1,734.93
July	58	30,698.00	30,707.00	24,935.85	1,059.00
August	41	123,269.00	80,608.90	71,389.64	459.48
September	7	12,661.65	11,229.57	52,893.63	1,335.19
October	29	236,723.00	232,600.00	166,892.45	151.62
November	19	85,095.00	20,500.00	101,162.58	3,463.18
TOTAL	950	$1,423,181.89	$1,116,889.62	$1,089,097.47	$16,658.81

CLOSING ACCOUNTS AS VERIFIED BY TREASURY DEPT.

Total collections as above		$1,116,889.62
Payments to Vendors as above	$1,089,097.47	
Remitted to Receiver General	16,658.81	
Paid to Custodian of Enemy Property, 11/30/42	11,133.34	
TOTAL disbursement	$1,116,889.62	$1,116,889.62

ANALYSIS OF TRANSFERRED BALANCE TO CUSTODIAN

UNDISBURSED AMOUNTS

Date	Ledger Folio	Vessel	Amount	Reason of deferred disbursement
May 13	577	"Booth Bay"	$123.75	*C.T.L - claim pending
May 22	619A	"Ocean Falls Boats"	322.74	Identification of owner not complete
July 20	828	"Howthone II"	146.00	*C.T.L. - claim pending
" 23	830	"Mayne Island"	195.50	*C.T.L. - claim pending
" 31	835	"Mareno"	27.20	*C.T.L. - claim pending
Aug.31	857	"Grain"	1,836.40	Held for discharge of mortgage
May 24	625A	"Scrap material"	61.50	Salvage account
Oct. 5	869	"Bluenose"	68.90	Held for credit R.C.N.S.
" 5	870	"C. S. C. II"	150.00	"
" 5	871	"Early Field"	300.00	"
" 5	873	"Seiner"	255.00	"
" 5	876	"Chatham S"	286.00	"
" 5	878	"Sea Flash"	71.85	"
" 5	883	"Camenita"	368.00	"
" 5	884	"Y. M" 2650	32.00	"
Oct.20	895	"Hatta V"	2,013.53	Held at request of Custodian & R.C.N.S
Nov.24	902	"Sea Maid Y II"	5,594.17	Held for discharge of Mortgage
TOTAL of unpaid balances ...			$11,852.54	
Less Commission on unpaid invoices ...			719.20	
Paid to Custodian of Enemy Property 11/30/42 ...			$11,133.34	

*C.T.L. - Constructive Total Loss

The method of handling these claims under this classification is described under schedule 6 Page 30. These unpaid balances represent the salvage values of damaged vessels and will be remitted with claims as a credit against claimed value of vessel. The claims pending in this statement were not completely assessed as to fair value at the time of transfer of records.

The various items shown as held for the credit of R.C.N.S. represent approximate amounts estimated by Naval Service to be deducted from settlement of purchase price of vessels, as agreed to by Japanese owners at the time of requisitioning.

The Commission on unpaid invoices, $719.20, deducted prior to transfer to the Custodian, was remitted to Receiver General of Canada as part of the Committee's earnings. It represents the Commission and Survey charges on Service vessels purchased on which payment had not been received from the Treasury at the time accounts were closed.

REPORT ON LOSS AND DAMAGE CLAIMS - NAVAL SERVICE

In the process of immobilizing Japanese fishing vessels and while these vessels were in Naval Custody, considerable hull damage and equipment losses occurred as incidental to the large scale impounding action under emergent conditions. The greatest damage occurred in December 1941 and January 1942, to the vessels in the Fraser River where the greater part of the immobilized fleet was assembled and where severe weather conditions prevailed in those months.

The steps taken by Naval Service to re-condition damaged vessels is explained in Section three of this report. As vessels were sold or released to registered and licensed owners, surveys were made by the Surveyors of Naval Service and the Committee, from which values for claim allowances were assessed. On the recommendations of Commanding Officer Pacific Coast, Naval Service, and the Committee, provision was made for the payment of approved claims through the authority of Order-in-Council PC 3737, May 5th, and PC 6787, July 31st. 1942.

The general principles in the acceptance of claim liability as recited in these orders-in-council are briefly outlined as follows:

(a) "Vessels sunk during impoundment. Cost of raising and reconditioning to place machinery in running condition, making hull reasonably water-tight and providing one priming coat of paint.

(b) Other hull and engine damage. Cost of reconditioning on satisfactory assurance that damage occurred while under impoundment.

(c) Equipment losses. Allowance based on a sufficiency for the safe operation of vessel, conditional upon there being satisfactory evidence that such equipment was aboard when vessel was impounded. Due consideration to be given to depreciated values."

The general procedure followed in the handling of claims is outlined herein as a matter of record.

Survey for damage or loss was a prerequisite to the acceptance of liability by Naval Service. Considerable equipment removed from vessels at the time of their impoundment was assembled at a Naval Depot, New Westminster Terminals. As vessels were sold and surveys made, these stores were drawn upon, insofar as possible, to satisfy allowed claims for shortages. When these stores were exhausted, or in the event of available stores not being suitable to fill requirements and these being supplied by the Purchasers, claim was accepted by the Committee to the value allowed by the Surveyors.

As these vessels arrived at assembly points in the Fraser River under Naval escort, and the Japanese crews were disembarked, they were told by Naval Officers to take their personal belongings ashore. In many cases these instructions were taken literally and nearly everything portable was taken. For this reason, the principle of disallowing claims for personal belongings, galley equipment and the like, was adopted.

Except under special circumstances equipment allowances were confined to the bare requirements necessary to permit of the safe operation of vessel, such as anchor, line, batteries, navigation lights, compass and certain engine room tools.

When hull damage was found, and Surveyors determined that such damage occurred while in Naval Custody, repairs were effected by Naval personnel or at shipyards under Naval supervision or appropriate allowance made if the reconditioning were left to the Purchaser.

In the case of a vessel being declared a constructive total loss by the Surveyors and approved by the Committee, the value of the vessel at the time of impoundment was determined by Surveyors and this amount allowed the owner in settlement of claim. Where any salvage value remained in the damaged vessel it was sold to the highest bidder and the amount received was taken into the accounts of the Committee and reported in the claim settlement statement.

The liability of Naval Service for loss and damage was to Japanese owners. Consequently the purchaser was required to support his claim with an "Assignment of Claim" form executed by the Japanese vendor.

Claims were filed at the offices of the Committee when they were reviewed by the joint Surveyors, and Claim Settlement Statements prepared. These documents were then signed by the Surveyors, the Executive Assistant, the Chairman or Vice-chairman of the Committee and the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast, Naval Service. Vouchers were prepared to cover and submitted with all related documents to the Department of Fisheries, Ottawa.

On receipt of settlement cheque by the Committee the execution of a final "Release and Discharge" form was secured coincidentally with payment to Claimant. This document was executed in duplicate, the original of which was mailed to Mr. F. O. Weeks, Chief Treasury Officer, Department of Fisheries, and the duplicate filed in vessel history files now in the offices of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

All naval claims could not be completed before the records of the Committee were turned over to the Custodian on November 30th. 1942. It was found that some of the new owners actively engaged in fishing immediately after purchasing their vessels had not executed their claim documents. Fishing Companies also were dilatory in this respect. Due to the last extra-ordinary salmon run on the Fraser River and a shortage of labor the entire staff including that of the office, was engaged in production, and consequently they were forced to delay completion of their claim documents. All of these were brought as nearly as possible to completion prior to turning the records over to the Custodian.

It was found that an enormous amount of detail was involved in handling these claims and a considerable part of the remaining staff of the Committee for the past several months was occupied in this work.

The approximate statistical claims position at the time of transfer was as follows:

	No.	Value of original claims	Value of allowed claims	Reduction
Shipyard claims	264	$55,191.69	$55,191.69	$
Constructive total losses	15	11,485.00	6,833.12	4,651.88
General claims	400	37,836.50	27,270.69	10,565.81
TOTAL	679	$104,513.19	$89,295.50	$15,217.69

Assembled and vouchered	505	$ 72,834.23
Partly assembled	174	16,461.27
Total claims registered	679	$ 89,295.50
Claims paid	338	$ 45,180.57
Claims unpaid	341	44,114.93
Total claims registered	679	$ 89,295.50



No. 1

SEIZED VESSELS AT ANNIEVILLE DYKE, FRASER RIVER
PRIOR TO RECONDITIONING FOR SALE



No. 2

CLOSE-UP OF A SMALL GROUP OF THE VESSELS
SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH No. 1