

traps started like this in certain places which would fish both on the flood and the ebb tide. Now, then, this entrance to the traps is normally closed because there is no fishing on the ebb tide. The fish come in here (indicating). Now, they have an apron which drops down over the top of these capping piles, down to the bottom, effectively preventing the entrance of any fish, not only during the closed time but at night. That is always dropped at night. Reference has been made to trap fishing twenty-four hours a day. It is not active—

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. Then the fish can go back around?—A. Yes, if they are coming in here— if there are any fish coming in here on the flood tide. There might be a limited number of them congregate here for a limited time; but when the tide ebbs and goes the other way the fish would no doubt go the other way.

Mr. NEILL: Is it forbidden by law to fish at night?

*By Mr. Moyer:*

Q. Mr. Neill asks whether you are forbidden to fish at night?—A. No; neither are the purse seiners.

Q. Why not?—A. Because the trap will not fish at night; and furthermore if the watchman did not drop that apron as the last thing he does before going ashore at night he not only would not catch any fish during the night but he would lose whatever fish he would have in the trap, or a large number of them, because the phosphorescence of the water is such that it illuminates the walls of the trap like a wall of fire almost, and this opening here is simply an open door. You might as well say, "come on boys, this way out."

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. Is the trap in operation from the 1st of May until October?—A. Yes, providing nothing happens to it; that is, with the allowance I said of the weekly closed time.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. How does it happen that you can operate on the 1st of May and in other places it is along about the 1st of June—that is for sockeye?—A. We do not operate for sockeye at the end of May; there are none in the water.

*By Mr. Moyer:*

Q. How long does the sockeye run?—A. It usually starts—you may possibly find a freak sockeye along in June, but the main run, where you catch them in really appreciable quantities starts about the 10th of July and lasts approximately—

*By Mr. Pottier:*

Q. Are these traps about the same value in fishing? What is the best fishing trap of the four? Does the last one catch as much as the first one on the average?—A. It happens there are only four traps illustrated here by these seals. This year we will operate one additional one here (indicating). It happens that the sockeye salmon licence which is now indicated as the first trap and which, if we built the other one as we anticipate, will be the second trap, is probably the best sockeye trap of the four—not because it is first.

Q. How does the last one compare with the others?—A. These two—well, I visualized one more trap. I will discuss the five.

*By Mr. Moyer:*

Q. Call them 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5?—A. We will call this one No. 1. Probably this trap would have ordinarily the best of the sockeyes.

[Mr. Chas. F. Goodrich.]