

Mr. OZERE: In those provinces where sports fishing is administered by the provincial government.

Mr. STUART: The protection is under the federal government, but the administration, as far as the licence is concerned, is under the provincial jurisdiction.

Mr. OZERE: In some cases it goes further than that; the province actually enforces the federal regulations. But licences are in some cases a means of raising revenue, and in some provinces they are used as a means of taxation.

Mr. STUART: I was thinking of New Brunswick when I spoke. I know that all licences there are under the jurisdiction of the province. Surely the protection of streams is under federal jurisdiction though?

Mr. OZERE: They issue the licence as a means of raising revenue.

Mr. PEARKES: How would that affect American fishing boats coming up to the Campbell River and fishing in our territories?

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: I was thinking of that myself.

Mr. OZERE: If it is an American vessel, it would not be permitted to come in without special authorization.

Mr. PEARKES: Americans fishing as tourists would be prevented from coming up to catch fish in the Campbell River?

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: I know that in my riding they have caught thousands of them.

Mr. PEARKES: Yes, and all over the west coast you get hundreds coming in every year. Would they be stopped?

Mr. OZERE: We would have to have special authority or regulations made under the Act to exempt this class of vessel from the provisions of the Act; otherwise they would be stopped.

Mr. PEARKES: That is why I asked if there were any regulations now.

Mr. OZERE: I am not aware of there being any regulations.

Mr. GIBSON: They would not be foreign fishing vessels as such.

Mr. PEARKES: You define a fishing vessel as being this:

(e) 'fishing vessel' includes any ship or boat or any other description of vessel used in or equipped for fishing or processing fish or transporting fish from fishing grounds and includes any vessel used or equipped for taking, processing or transporting marine plants.

I would like to suggest that at the next session it may be necessary to publish some regulations regarding that, because a great many vessels come up into the territorial waters on the British Columbia coast and carry out a lot of sport fishing there.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: The point raised is of great concern in British Columbia. I think that all British Columbia members would agree to that. The regulations will simply have to cover that class of boat which is not a commercial fishing vessel in the sense that we usually think of, but which is a very valuable asset for the British Columbia tourist industry. We also issue restrictive permits in at least two areas, Phillips Arm and Rivers Inlet limiting the catch which these American boats can make. Apparently we have no regulations on the American boats; but they certainly would be covered in the regulations here.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: May I suggest that in clause 2 the word "commercial" be added before the words "fishing or processing", to cure the possible trouble which is anticipated now.

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 2 has already been carried by the committee.