Ottawa, November 17, 1908.

Sir. -

I have the honour to inform you that Alexander's band of Indians, in the Edmonton agency, have applied for free permits to fish, almost entirely for domestic consumption, in the waters of Lac la Nome. The Agent states that this permission cannot be obtained in Edmonton, which the Department is unable to understand in view of the fact that your Department in 1897 instructed its officer to grant special concessions to these and other Indians whose circumstances might seem to justify such course, and there seems to be no doubt that many of the Alexander's band are largely dependent upon fishing to furnish them with their necessary maintenance. There would seem to be the less objection to granting this privilege if the Department is correctly informed that there is no commercial fishing carried on in the lake concerned.

I will be glad if you will kindly let the Department hear from you relative to this matter at your early convenience.

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs

The Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries,

Ottawa.

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