

A That is a difficult question to answer off-hand, but I should think one or two, or perhaps more, on each reserve.

Q In every band there would be a man or two?

A Not in every band.

Q Do you consider that the Indians are fairly treated in regard to these licenses, both gill and sein?

A I think so, if they were only given a chance to fish.

Q Have they been treated on an equality with Japs and Whites?

A I think so, as far as their interests go.

Q By the fishery officers who issue the licenses, are they treated on the same equality?

A They don't get any licenses from the Government; they get them from the Canneries.

Q Do you think the Indians should get them direct from the Government?

A Yes sir; the gill net licenses I think they should - I think they are capable of handling it.

MR COMMISSIONER SHAW: It is a fact that white men get independent gill net licenses from the Government and the Indians don't.

A Yes.

Q Have they made application for these licenses and been refused?

A I think so - it is a regulation of the Fishery Department that no Indian shall have an independent license.

MR COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Well then, in your opinion, there must be a discrimination against the Indians as against the white fishermen as far as gill net licenses are concerned?

A Yes, certainly.

Q And you are under the impression that the regulations prohibiting the issuing of independent gill net licenses to Indians is unfair?

A Yes.

Q Did you ever read the regulations?

A No.

Q But you came to that conclusion from the facts that you never knew of an independent license ever being issued to an Indian?

A Yes

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