

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Office of Indian Agent.

203-6 Rogers Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
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File 74-150/2.

Dear Sir:-

I have received inquiries from the Department of Fisheries and others as to whether the Department will authorize further expenditures for dried salmon, as has been done for the past two winters. The Fisheries Department want it extended to other areas to include the Upper Skeena and Upper Fraser Rivers, and the Indians who supply the dried salmon are also inquiring whether they can expect more work this winter.

It has been of great assistance to them and naturally they are anxious to continue and the Fisheries Department is quite enthusiastic about it. I understand there were formerly many disputes between this office and the Fisheries Department officials, but I have found them anxious to co-operate in every way to assist the Indians, providing their actions are not inimical to the fishing industry and incidentally their own interests.

Regarding the final disposition of the dried salmon, I had reports from Mr. Agent Moore that the fish we sent to his Indians were said to be no good. This was followed by a request for more than I could supply at the time. Some of the Indians wrote to say the fish were just what they wanted. Mr. Agent Mortimer disposed of his shipment through a Hudson's Bay store, and the store-keeper reported that the fish were poor and no good, but the fisheries officers who received the same fish said the Indians were well pleased with them, and the store-keeper's report was biased as it competed with the sale of his own dried fish. Other agents reported that the fish were very well received and wanted more than I could purchase for them.

If you will please instruct me as to whether any funds will be available this Fall for dried salmon, I shall be in a position to make the necessary arrangements. The salmon used for this purpose run in September as a rule, and I should have this information by the end of August.

B/HM.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) F.J.C. Ball.
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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