

when you go and leave a small number of men there they are kept there as watchmen and do not, as a rule, do the actual lifting; you go out with a lifting crew—eight or nine men. Unfortunately, I might have brought much more interesting pictures, but the only one I happen to have is—

Q. The witness has a photograph of men making a lift, which may interest someone.—A. That will alter with the process of lifting the salmon out of the trap, and is rather a good photograph, I think.

Q. How long does the operation at the traps run?—A. That is all over, practically over, in the early part of October, as a rule.

Q. Starting when?—A. Starting about the first of June.

Q. Then what happens?

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. The first of June and the first of October?—A. I say that is the head of the run. It is not possible to answer your question unequivocally for the reason that the traps do not start in simultaneously. As you complete one trap—the earliest traps would very likely be fishing about the first of May; then as the traps are completed they are started fishing, and in the fall you start pulling them.

Q. Up to when? October?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. Are they in operation all summer long?—A. I beg your pardon?

Q. Are they in operation all summer long?—A. From the time they are completed until the time to the end of the fall.

Q. In other words, they are catching fish all the time?—A. We hope they are; sometimes they are not.

Q. If the fish come along the trap is there to catch them, is it?—A. Well, of course, I answered your question in general terms. There is, of course, the weekly closed time which has been called to your attention.

Q. I beg your pardon?—A. There is the weekly closed time of forty-eight hours.

Q. I do not understand that?—A. All fishing gear practically is subject to a weekly closed time; there is no fishing between certain hours and up to certain hours.

Q. During the closed time, can the fish go straight on?—A. Yes.

Q. If so, how?

*By Mr. Moyer:*

Q. Perhaps the question could be answered more impressively if you told Mr. MacNicol how wide the strait is at that point and how far out your leads extend.

Mr. MACNICOL: I, perhaps, know less about fishing than you, Mr. Chairman. I may ask a silly question, and if I do forgive me for asking it. I was wondering if the traps are not in operation how the fish get by? Are the traps elevated or are there gates through which the fish can pass?

The WITNESS: There is an apron that closes the trap effectively about in this position here (indicating) during the closed time which absolutely prevents—as is intended to be depicted, this shows the direction in which the fish are naturally travelling. If you will look at your coloured sketch you will see the entrance to the straits. The fish are on their way, having entered the strait of Juan de Fuca—they are on their way to the spawning bed. This, I presume, represents the direction in which the fish are travelling (indicating chart of a trap). This particular drawing here is not accurate to that extent. There are