

# Ontario Fishery Commission.

## POUND-NETS.

### CONDENSED EVIDENCE REGARDING SIZE OF MESH IN POUND-NETS.

#### *Lake Erie.*

*Frank Jackson*, Port Dover.—Says the 2-inch mesh in pound-nets has been very destructive to small immature fish, a 3-inch mesh should be the proper size; have seen tons weight of these small fish caught and thrown away. (p. 6, pt. I.)

*James Low*, Port Dover.—Says 3-inch should be the mesh for herring. (p. 16, pt. I.)

*George F. Allan*, Port Dover.—Says a 3-inch mesh for gill-nets for herring." (p. 9, pt. I.)

*Captain J. S. Allan*, Port Dover.—Says a 2-inch mesh in nets for herring. (p. 11, pt. I.)

*Crosby Morgan*, Port Dover.—Says a 2-inch mesh in pound-nets and 3-inch in gill nets. (p. 12, pt. I.)

*W. F. Tibbetts*, Port Dover.—Says use 2-inch mesh in pots—a 3-inch mesh would do very well, it would let out the little fish and keep the big fish in. (p. 14, pt. I.)

*William Backhouse*, Durham.—Says he uses 2-inch mesh in pot of pound-net; catches some small fish, mostly herring, some whitefish. (p. 26, pt. I.)

*H. E. Ansley*, Port Dover.—Fishes 2 and 3-inch mesh in pots of pound-nets. (p. 3, pt. I.)

*William Emery*, Port Burwell.—Says he uses 2-inch mesh in pots—lifted considerable numbers of immature fish—have buried half a ton at a time. (p. 23, pt. I.)

*C. C. Bates*, Clear Creek.—Says he uses 2-inch mesh in pots;  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch is the average size of fish caught. (p. 17, pt. I.)

*A. C. Brown*, Port Stanley.—Says he used a 2-inch mesh in pots—have buried not more than a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton a season of small fish. (p. 21, pt. I.)

*Captain John Ellison*, Port Stanley.—Says he uses 2-inch mesh in pot—only less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch fish will pass through. (p. 29, pt. I.)

*Daniel Lang*, Aldboro'.—Says he uses 2-inch mesh in pots—some years ago took great numbers of immature herring and whitefish. (p. 25, pt. I.)

*W. H. Black*, Kingsville.—Says he uses 2-inch mesh in pots—catches small whitefish, herring, pickerel and bass that is 4 and 5 inches long. (p. 32, pt. I.)

*W. D. Bates*, Rondeau.—Uses 2-inch mesh in pots; catches whitefish  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.; this size is an immature fish; we get no fish under 6 inches in length; under that pass through. (p. 34, p. I.)

*Wm. Grubb*, Pt. Pelée.—Says  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in pots should be the smallest mesh.

*Ira Loup*, Kingsville.—Says use 2-inch mesh in pots; has seen small fish thrown away and buried in June and July. (p. 36, pt. I.)

*Gilbert Delaurier*, Leamington.—Says uses 2 inch in pots; have repeatedly heard that large quantities of small fish being thrown fway as useless. (p. 38, pt. I.)

*John Delaurier*, Windsor.—Size of mesh in pots,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches; a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -lb. whitefish and herring may pass through. (p. 46, pt. I.)

*J. W. Post*, Leamington.—Says uses 2-inch mesh in pots and  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

*John A. Benton*, Kent, County.—Uses 2-inch mesh in pots; catches small herring and bass, 6 or 7 inches long and puts them overboard. (p. 67, pt. I.)

*C. W. Gauthier*, Windsor.—Uses 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh in pots. (p. 74, pt. I.)

*John Laing*, Port Huron.—Catches pickerel, whitefish, trout, herring, sturgeon use  $2\frac{3}{4}$  mesh in pots of pound-nets this mesh will let whitefish of  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. through; salmon-trout of 1 lb. and under will get through. (p. 85, pt. I.)

*W. W. Ball*, Goderich.—Says a 4-inch mesh should be used in pots. (p. 113, pt. I.)

*Edward Dunn*, Owen Sound.—The mesh of pound-nets should be pretty much the same as gill-nets. (p. 161, pt. I.)

*W. A. Clark*, Collingwood.— $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{3}{4}$  mesh is right for pots of pound nets. (p. 207, pt. I.)

*Thos. H. Elliott*, Sault Ste. Marie.— $2\frac{1}{4}$  to  $3\frac{3}{4}$  mesh are used; should be  $4\frac{1}{4}$  in the pots at least: the present  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{3}{4}$  will catch a great number of small immature fish. (p. 263, pt. I.)