

We, the undersigned, Employees of the Sooke Harbour Fishing & Packing Co., Ltd. and J. R. Todd & Sons, Ltd., operating Salmon Trap-Nets in the vicinity of Sooke, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, are much perturbed over press reports published in local papers stating that the Department of Fisheries was considering refusing further Trap-Net Licences after the current year.

We respectfully submit a brief statement of our years of service, age and families of dependents and the number of homes that would be broken up if such a course were followed.

We also desire to point out that our years of experience would be in most cases of no benefit in other lines of Fishing or outside employment.

If such action were taken, it would mean that we would have to leave Sooke for a larger centre of employment and aggravate an already crowded labour market. We would also desire to express our sentiments as regards our Employers in respect to fair wages, fair hours and most considerate treatment. This is reflected in the many years of service and the fact of practically no turnover in Employees save death or sickness and in the former case this has been taken care of by free Insurance carried by our Employers.

Name	Age	Years employed	Dependents	Home Owner Yes or No
W. U. Muir	67	32	..	Yes
Victor Skeegren	58	30	4	Yes
Harry McBride	62	18	2	Yes
Robert Acreman	41	12	3	Yes
J. Martinron	52	16	1	No
W. Baker	30	10	2	Yes
J. Forrest	37	14	4	Yes
S. P. Giles	29	13	3	No
J. Collins	39	14	3	No
Louis George	52	14	6	Yes
H. George	45	15	2	Yes
L. George	31	11	1	No
Joe Briggs	56	17	1	No
E. R. Horwood	42	1	6	Yes
Morris Fisher	36	2	1	No
F. G. Gray	48	16	3	No
E. J. Pontious	50	13	8	Yes
H. F. Pontious	25	11	2	Yes
F. Underwood	39	18	5	Yes
E. Gray	22	4	..	No
M. Michelsen	20	3	..	No
G. McIntosh	32	13	4	No
T. Wright	43	23	3	Yes
J. Bradley	58	29	1	Yes
N. Baskerville	43	5	1	Yes
T. Boury	45	8	2	Yes
T. Blight	49	14	3	Yes
R. Seymour	40	13	3	Yes
E. Cubbels	38	2	6	No
A. Sullivan	30	2	4	Yes
L. McBeath	43	14	2	Yes
H. J. Sims	29	10	2	Yes
H. Page	42	12	4	No
M. Nicholson	49	25	8	Yes
A. L. Wilson	37	20	2	Yes
R. E. Baker	28	11	2	Yes
H. Campbell	65	16	1	No
E. Underwood	36	17	3	Yes
Gus Underwood	32	18	5	Yes
H. W. Goodrich	38	9	2	Yes
Horace Hills	61	8	1	No

Now, Mr. Chairman, I am sorry if I have caused any reason for discussion. I was making what I understood to be—or what I was trying to do was to state, as I understood them, the main facts. That is all I was doing.