

I had hoped that we might have been able to dispose of items today. On our present topic, I might say we have had a long and, I think, a very fair discussion between the Committee and the Minister on the subject of base lines and the aspects of these international negotiations. While Members of the Committee may not necessarily be in agreement with the Minister, I think all of us have had an opportunity to get at the facts and get at them very fully within this Committee.

I just wondered whether or not we could come quickly to some understanding of when we could close the work of the Committee, to carry Item 15, carry Item 1, and return these Estimates to the House. Are we prepared to make any further progress before we rise today, or should we schedule another meeting with the departmental officials before we rise? What is the wish of the Committee?

Mr. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, I would just wish to indicate this; there are two matters I raised earlier and Dr. Martin of Fisheries Research Board and another gentleman, I forget who, indicated to me that they would bring back to the Committee certain documentary information about questions I posed. One of them had to do with pollution in relationship to logging companies. I can give you the page numbers. It is on pages 205 and 206 of the Committee proceedings. The other is on page 207, and I think perhaps it was Mr. Lucas with whom I was conversing about the relationship between Fisheries Department and the Department of Forestry in British Columbia, and whether or not that relationship extended to forest management license and certain types of timber tenure. This information, of course, was to be provided too.

I am interested in the extent of the Kings Craft fishery on the west coast at some subsequent meeting, to see whether or not we might expand into that. I am interested in having some statistics of salmon production on the west coast, ranging over, say, the last ten years. I am wondering whether this might not be available for a subsequent meeting. I could communicate these directly to Dr. Logie or to someone in the department after the meeting rises, but I thought I should put them on the record.

The CHAIRMAN: Are these questions, Mr. Howard, on which you want examination in committee or are these questions on which you can ask the department to provide you with basic information?

Mr. HOWARD: These are points on which I hope the Committee can base some recommendations in its Report.

The CHAIRMAN: You will remember, earlier, we had a procedure whereby if you wished to submit written questions to the Committee, these would be forwarded to the department for reply, which takes the detailed examination of them off the floor of the Committee. I wonder whether this would satisfy your needs, Mr. Howard, or whether we need to proceed to further meetings, giving regard to the necessity for returning the Estimates to the House.

Mr. HOWARD: With respect to the Kings Craft Fisheries for instance, it is difficult for me to say until I have a look at what information is available. This I cannot say. Two of the other items were matters which I had asked about earlier and it had been indicated that information would be provided. The matter of the statistics of salmon production is purely something we really do not need, because it is factual.