

Mr. HAHN: Would you outline for us what changes were made which appear in the regulations before us today?

Mr. MCGREGOR: The United Fishermen and Allied Workers proposal was absolutely different from this. They started out with an idea that the fishermen should pay an assessment at the beginning of the year.

Mr. HAHN: I think perhaps you are misinterpreting what I have in mind.

Mr. MCGREGOR: I am sorry.

Mr. HAHN: You discussed with them regulations similar to those which we have before us now. Are they in a somewhat different form?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Yes.

Mr. HAHN: Do these regulations compare exactly with the others or are there some changes or slight modifications in these as compared to the others?

Mr. MCGREGOR: There have been modifications to some small degree.

Mr. HAHN: What I am interested in is what has been modified in this as compared to the other proposal which you had before.

Mr. MCGREGOR: One, for example, is that we started off with the idea that if the fisherman sold his fish to a distant buyer we would try to insure him through that distant buyer. For example, if a man caught his fish in Prince Edward Island and shipped them to a buyer in Montreal that buyer, if he declared his willingness to insure, would insure the fishermen. But we found in actual practice it is an impossibility for a man in Montreal to know anything about a person in Prince Edward Island. The most desirable way to insure these people is to include the skipper in every possible case; but since it is an impossibility in practice to have the distant buyer insure them we will have the skipper insure them in which case he would be excluded.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: But that will not affect British Columbia very much.

Mr. MCGREGOR: No, the great lakes is where it will be most effective.

Mr. HAHN: Was there not another point which was changed?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Off-hand, sir, I am sorry I cannot say because we discussed so many things with Mr. Rigby when he was here. I cannot be certain but I am unable to think of anything else at the moment.

Mr. HAHN: There is one point on page 3, (1) at the bottom of the page. It says "A fisherman will not be insurable in respect of sales of fish to householders, restaurants or institutions—"

Mr. MURCHISON: There is no change there.

Mr. HAHN: I realize there may not be a change there but the question is I do not know just where fishermen sell all their fish on the Pacific coast, but I do know some of them sell it to some large institutions such as the mental institutions right along the riverfront on the Fraser River. I know some fishermen have been in the practice of selling their fish to these larger institutions. This is going to force the sale through another outlet which would mean in effect that the cost would be increased through another governmental body which would have to buy the fish. I wonder if possibly you might have some comment to make on that?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Our information was that most of those places dealt with wholesalers. We may be misinformed, but that was the information we got.

Mr. HAHN: They dealt directly with the wholesaler?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Yes. Mind you, if we find that somebody is doing that out there, then we might retrace our steps. As the minister said, this is a trial and error matter and there will be a great deal of re-examining.

Mr. HAHN: I can appreciate that.