

Extract from Evidence, Page 136 (Cowichan Agency):

"Jimmy Johnnie -- You know the 'diver' ducks; we have been stopped from shooting them in the open sea in the close season".

"The Chairman - We are going to bring this matter to the notice of the Government and see if you cannot get permission to shoot the black duck and such other ducks as the white man does not want for food."

"Jimmy Johnnie - Thank you, Commissioners, that you have heard us so far. We want to have permission to shoot deer once in a while during the close season".

"The Chairman - The Inspector informs me that an Act was passed at the last session of the Legislature by which Indians in organized districts can obtain, on application, a permit from the Game Warden for the shooting of deer for purposes of food during the close season"

Extract from Precise, Page 60 (Cowichan Agency):

"Councillor Jimmy Johnnie -- With regard to the ducks, the Indians had been forbidden to shoot these on the open water, even those ducks for which the white man had no use. The Indians also wanted deer meat once in a while, even during the close season, although he approved the general purpose of the Game Law".

Extract from Evidence, Page 162 (Cowichan Agency) : Acting Chief Sherman Lewis - "Then there is the Game laws; they (the Indians of the Halalt Band) desire to be free to take the game always".

"The Chairman - But if there were no close seasons would not that destroy the game altogether? And would not that be very much against the interests of the Indians? Did you ever consider that? At the other reserve yesterday, all they desired was permission to shoot for their own food requirements during the close season".

"Sherman Lewis - Well, that is their idea".

"Mr Commr. McKenna - Did you ever ask for a permit from the Game Warden to shoot for food during the close season?"

"A. No sir, I never had occasion to."

"The Chairman - The Inspector informs me that there is a law in operation which will allow the Indians, upon getting a permit, to shoot a certain amount of game during the close season, for their own con-