

Stikine Agency

The small number--763--Indians of this Agency scattered as they are throughout an enormous territory makes the question of sockeye fishing by them one of less significance. Much of their fish is taken in rivers which empty into Alaskan waters.

In the case of class three(3) Agencies I shall also deal with these one by one, as follows:-

Kootenay Agency.

These Indians take bass and trout and not salmon. Their number is only 492. They are not much concerned about supplies of salmon nor do they interfere with any sockeye fishing. Any supply of coast-dried fish would be limited to the demands of a few indigent cases.

Nicola Agency

These Indians, numbering 825, do not use any appreciable amount of sockeye salmon, the estimate of the Agent of both sockeye salmon and sockeye for a year being but 400 fish. The Agent states that the wholesale distribution of fish is not warranted in the Nicola Agency. The Indians are in a position to purchase any fish required by them. What salmon was sent from the coast was appreciated by the Indians. The supply at present sent them is sufficient, however.

Stuart Lake Agency

Numbering 1660 Indians. They use many varieties of fish, but with salmon almost nil. This Agency does not therefore need to be considered seriously as regards sockeye salmon, although there is no doubt that some sockeye fish are taken by the Indians in years when they are available. In 1930, 880 salmon only were taken. In 1931 the salmon catch was practically nil. Enough salmon is being received from the coast to take care of the indigents. The sending of further supplies from the coast would probably modify the taking of salmon, when available, by the Indians although the Agent thinks it would not eliminate interference by the Indians entirely.

Okanagan Agency

Numbering 959 Indians. These Indians use trout and sockeye salmon so there is no need to consider them with respect to interference with sockeye. Recently a limited supply of coast-dried salmon has been sent from Vancouver, but the Indians are not very enthusiastic about them, owing to the method of coast curing which is different to theirs. They are also suspicious of the intentions of the Government.

Kamloops Agency

Numbering 1119 Indians. They take 16,500 salmon each year according to the Agent, only 2000 of these being of the sockeye variety. At present a limited supply of coast dried fish is being used by the indigent who, however, do not like it. If salmon had been sent from the coast which had been cured to suit the taste of the Indians, they would probably eliminate to some extent interference with the sockeye by Indians but the Indians would still take them fresh when required.

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