

Q. I wanted to make it clear. It conveyed a wrong impression to Mr. Kinley. Then on page 12 you stated in answer to a question by Mr. MacNeil, that the percentage of fish passing through these traps was about 2 per cent of the Canadian and American caught fish. I find in a letter of Major Motherwell's who is the Chief Supervisor of Fisheries in British Columbia, and he was writing under the date of January 13, 1936, as follows:

The catch of sockeye by the Canadian traps this year—that would be 1935—represents approximately 5 per cent of the catch made by the fishing gear in Puget Sound and in the Fraser River district combined. Would you explain the difference between his statement and yours?

The CHAIRMAN: While Mr. Found is looking that up, if I remember correctly the committee was led to believe that this lead coming out from the shore to the net proper had a mesh of 6 inches.

Mr. TOMLINSON: What was that again, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: That the mesh are 6 inches, that it was a 6 inch lead.

Mr. NEILL: It is that. It is the pot that we were told was 3½ inches and which now turns out to be 2 inches.

The CHAIRMAN: When the fish come into the pot or smaller portion of the net, it has smaller mesh.

Mr. NEILL: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: That is the impression I gathered.

Mr. NEILL: The mistake was the difference between 3½ inches and 2 inches.

Mr. TOMLINSON: How long is that lead coming out there?

The CHAIRMAN: Apparently it depends on the depth of the water. I think that the lead is supposed to be—

Mr. MACNICOL: What is the size of the mesh?

Mr. MOYER: I have a witness here who will answer the questions that are being proposed now.

Mr. NEILL: We are asking Mr. Found, and asking him to make his evidence jibe.

Mr. MOYER: I am sorry.

Mr. MACNICOL: What is the size of the lead mesh?

The CHAIRMAN: The lead mesh is 6 inches, is it not, Mr. Found?

The WITNESS: Six inches is right. I want to be quite sure about this thing. Yes, the mesh of such trap net shall not be less than 6 inches, extension measure, in the leader or lead, nor more than 2 inches extension measure, in the heart, crib or pot.

Mr. Chairman, I did not have a chance to look over this, but I think you will see that in my opening statement I said I was speaking from memory and subject to correction. I would like some time. I do not seem to have my figures before me, but that statement of the catch of the traps, so far as sockeye is concerned, making up about 2 per cent of the Fraser River run,—that is the catch that was made of the fish that were making from Juan de Fuca Strait to the Fraser River,—strikes me as being about what I had in mind. Here is the memo that I possibly had in mind:—

It may be of interest here to note that in 1933 and 1934, the last two years of trap-nets in the State of Washington, of the sockeye catch proceeding to the Fraser taken in Puget Sound waters, 54.9 per cent was obtained by trap-nets, 44.3 per cent by purse seines, 0.4 per cent by gill nets and 0.4 per cent by other methods. In British Columbia from