MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

The Standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries met at 11 o'clock, a.m. Mr. A. E. MacLean, the chairman, presided.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, will you come to order. We are glad to have the Minister of Fisheries with us again this morning, and also Dr. Found. I think possibly Dr. Found fairly well completed his statement at the last meeting.

Mr. FOUND: Entirely.

The CHAIRMAN: We have Mr. Goodrich here from British Columbia, represented by Mr. Clare Moyer. If it meets with the approval of the committee, they would like to present their side of the case this morning.

Mr. NEILL: Has Mr. Found finished?

The CHAIRMAN: He says he has.

Mr. NEILL: There are a few points I should like to clear up in connection with his evidence given the other day, if I might.

The CHAIRMAN: We might do that first.

Mr. NEILL: Might I go on with Mr. Found?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

WILLIAM A. FOUND, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, recalled.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. Mr. Found, on page 4 of the printed report of the committee's proceedings of the other day Mr. Kinley asked you this question:

What size of mesh is used in the pot and in the trap itself?

Your answer which you gave there was:

That net is $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in mesh.

I looked up the regulations, page 27 of the British Columbia Regulations, and found this:

"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."

Extension of 2 inches means, of course, when it is pulled close together like that (indicating) so that it would not be much more than 1 inch square; because this 2 inches, extension measure, is counted when it is pulled together. Therefore the 2 inches, extension measure, will probably indicate an ordinary mesh an inch square. Even a clam could not go through. Would you like to change your evidence, when you said that it was $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches? I suggest you made a mistake.— A. Well, Mr. Chairman, if I said $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, of course I was wrong. But I think that the evidence there will show at the time that the lead to the trap—I have not got it before me and did not have a chance of looking over it—was of large mesh and the trap itself was necessarily of small mesh, as it was designed to catch the fish without enmeshing them, rather than to let them be gilled. I would like to correct my evidence, and thank Mr. Neill for pointing it out, if I said that that was $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.