

History of Game Trap-Line Situation

1924.

June 23.

Agent's report - Simpson recommended a game sanctuary and Game Commission Board asks for Gazetteing of an area on both the Stikine and Stikine Rivers for 25 miles up river from the International Boundary for game sanctuaries.

June 20

Agent Scott - Simpson complains re. J. Utterstrom and parties using poison & killing deer also roving Hazelton Indian along same. Head of Stikine River. Refused to police.

1926

July 22

Provincial Game Warden J. H. McMillan advises Agent that he will be notified regarding registration of trap-lines for Indians.

January 10

Agent advises Commissioner he had advised the McMillan trap-lines were not sufficient owing to varieties of animals to be sought for over larger areas; that white men have been given large areas to detriment of Indians. Agent would Joe Coburn that he (Agent) had refused to register and had referred application to Commissioner.

Sept 10.

Commissioner writes the McMillan re last year's compromise, suggesting the application of white trappers be delayed pending Agent's application for Indians. Approved by the McMillan Sept. 13-1926.

Sept 22

Agent reports receipt forms but no action for registration submitted as required. Waiting for information also re game sanctuaries (see June 23 last above).

Feb 14

Commissioner advises Agent he is informed by Sec. Game Branch that Lower Stikine, not a game preserve will likely be cancelled and he should proceed with registrations.

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Feb 10

Joe Coburn writes Agent Indians do not want trap-lines. Feb 12 Agent informs Commissioner Indians trapping anywhere and will not be confined to limited trap-lines which he objects to.

Oct 24

Dept. sends extract of R.C.M.P. report recommending hunting & trapping grounds for Indians being confined to small areas owing to influence of whites, particularly in Lower District.

Nov 1

Commissioner advises Agent that R.C.M.P. has refused more than once to take any action such as recommended by R.C.M.P. Three reserves, namely, of 160 acres, 320 acres and 640, respectively set apart by Royal Commission for Indians to use. "It is possible the R.C.M.P. are not aware of this fact."

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