

Our government proposed that the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry review and study the findings of the Levelton report on the east coast and the Sinclair report on the west. We in the standing committee are still awaiting these reports under the present minister.

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Salmon stocks have long been a problem on the east coast. Our government created a new policy for Atlantic salmon and established the Atlantic Salmon Board. Has the present minister utilized the salmon board? If so, it has been very quietly. Our government negotiated a new international convention protecting Canada's rights on the high seas. These negotiations appear to have been delayed by the new administration. Our government proposed that a new DFO region be created in the maritimes. In July I was told by the minister that he had no plans to create a new region. This fall he announced that a new gulf region will be set up. I wish he would make up his mind. Our government defined a clear policy regarding over-the-side sales which met with the approval of fishermen and processors alike. The present minister changed that policy and was faced with opposition from the three maritime provincial fisheries ministers. Our government reopened the sword fishery in Canada. The present fisheries minister could not make that decision.

Our government inherited a woefully inadequate small craft harbours budget, and the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) proposed in the December budget that an additional \$14 million should go to small craft harbours to help make up the serious need for harbour and wharf improvements in Atlantic Canada. Our government instituted a comprehensive review of unemployment insurance for fishermen. The fishermen are still awaiting much needed changes in the UIC program.

Our government established a ministerial advisory council on the west coast with the intention of establishing one on the east coast. Just last Friday in the standing committee the deputy minister reported that the minister felt he was not committed to creating one on the east coast. The list of our accomplishments and initiatives in just nine short months goes on and on. We are still awaiting these major decisions by the present minister who has been back in power almost nine months.

The most notable difference between our government and the new government is that we chose to consult with our provincial counterparts concerning major issues in the fishing industry. In speaking with a number of provincial ministers over the last few months, it appears that the new form of federal-provincial consultation means the federal fisheries department phoning the provincial fisheries departments and informing them of the federal decision. Webster will have to amend his definition of "consultation". I should like to inform the House of the dreadful ways in which the Liberal government is managing our fishery.

Just recently the minister announced an allocation of 17,000 metric tons of squid to the Japanese. This is at a time when the

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world market for squid is facing a glutted situation and our fishermen are getting only five cents per pound. So, we give 17,000 metric tons of squid to the Japanese. What do we get in return? Last Friday in the standing committee I directed this question to the deputy minister responsible for the east. He replied that at the moment we have not received anything. It is just another indication of us giving and not getting. In his remarks Mr. Miller indicated that they needed more staff for fisheries protection officers.

Since there was insufficient money in the budget, just recently on the east coast vehicles and vessels were tied up or grounded because there was no money for gas. I say we need more money in the budget. Possibly we need more staff, but definitely we need more money in the budget for fisheries protection officers. When we talk about more money for fisheries protection, the minister refers to needed cutbacks, but at the same time the present government spends \$30 million on advertising its own constitutional package.

Another issue about which I should like to talk is the Makivik Corporation which is owned by Eskimos in the north. It shows up the total inadequate licensing policy of the present minister and government. In 1979 the Makivik Corporation was given a temporary permit for exploratory fishing in the Ungava Bay. They were told verbally, although it was denied later, that they had exclusive rights in the zone, provided they gave the data they were compiling to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. I have a copy of the telex sent to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans dated October 17 from which I should like to quote. It refers to the Makivik Corporation fishing in Ungava Bay and reads in part as follows:

During our operations two weeks ago in Ungava Bay, another of the northern shrimp producing vessels, the MV *Pandalus* of northeastern New Brunswick turned up next to our vessel and began to fish in the areas of stock concentration we were studying.

They complained to the Department of Fisheries in Halifax and were informed that the *Pandalus* was fishing without a permit. Also they were informed that the department was ordering the *Pandalus* to leave that area immediately. The *Pandalus* ignored that directive. It is hard for me to accept why a law-abiding citizen or corporation would completely ignore a directive from the fisheries department, unless they had prior consultation with the department or the minister and were told that it was okay to fish in that area. Over the weekend by a telephone call to the minister in Ottawa, over the heads of the department in Halifax, they received the permit. I checked into the port from which the *Pandalus* sailed and it seems it comes out of Caraquet, New Brunswick, which is in the riding of Mr. Herb Breau.

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that references to other hon. members in this place is usually by constituency, not by name.

Mr. Gass: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The *Pandalus* received the permit to stay in the area and fish.