### Routine Proceedings

[Text]

#### VIOLATIONS OF THE FISHERIES ACT

## Question No. 259-Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Alberni):

For each calendar year from 1984 to 1990 (to date) have any Native fishermen been charged in British Columbia with violations of the Fisheries Act and, if so (a) what number were (i) charged (ii) convicted (b) what number of charges were (i) withdrawn (ii) dismissed (c) for those convicted, in each case, what sentence was imposed?

Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): In British Columbia, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans does not maintain a record of the number of Native fishermen charged with violations of

the Fisheries Act. However, the Department does maintain records for prosecutions involving individuals who qualify for an Indian food fish licence under Section 27 of the British Columbia (General) Regulations.

The Department is only able to provide data relating to charges initiated by DFO staff. Charges initiated by Provincial authorities tasked with enforcement of the Fisheries Act, are not recorded by DFO.

The attached table sets the number of files processed (ie; incidents), the number of charges laid and the final disposition of these charges, for the period 1984 to 1990 (to date).

#### DFO ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

# VIOLATIONS INVOLVING PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR AN INDIAN FOOD FISH LICENCE

Year	Number of Files	Charges Laid	Convictions	Withdrawn	Dismissed	Acquitted
1984	79	121	73	19	20	0
1985	156	309	143	118	30	0
1986	254	489	235	168	53	0
1987	309	583	222	164	38	0
1988	38 174		61	37	17	2
1989	339	646	156	90	31	6
1990	8	10	1	1	0	0

Année	Probation	Suspended Sentence	Absolute Discharge	Jail	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Total Fines	Charges Outstanding
1984	1	7	6	2	3	54	\$ 6 526	9
1985	5	15	1	7	1	114	\$ 16 580	18
1986	4	31	3	12	4	181	\$ 25 741	33
1987	11	15	5	22	6	163	\$ 27 195	159
1988	1	2	2	5	0	51	\$ 10 230	241
1989	6	3	0	4	2	141	\$ 25 070	363
1990	0	0	0	0	0	1	\$ 25	8