

REPORT TO THE HOUSE

MONDAY, June 13, 1966.

The Standing Committee on Fisheries has the honour to present the following as its

FIRST REPORT

On Tuesday, March 22, 1966, the House referred to your Committee for consideration the Items listed in the Main Estimates for 1966-67, relating to the Department of Fisheries.

Your Committee has held 17 (seventeen) meetings during which it heard statements and evidence from the Honourable H.-J. Robichaud, Minister of Fisheries. From the Department of Fisheries: Dr. A. W. H. Needler, Deputy Minister of Fisheries; Mr. S. V. Ozere, Assistant Deputy Minister (International); Dr. R. R. Logie, Assistant Deputy Minister (Operations); Mr. I. S. McArthur, Director General, Economic Service; Mr. J. J. Lamb, Director of Administration; Mr. H. Dempsey, Director, Inspection Service; Messrs. E. W. Burrige and K. C. Lucas, Resource Development; Mr. E. B. Young, Conservation and Development Service; and Mr. C. R. Levelton, Director, Conservation and Protection.

On Items 20 and 25 evidence was heard from Dr. F. R. Hayes, Chairman; Dr. W. R. Martin, Assistant Chairman; and Dr. W. E. Ricker, of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

Your Committee heard and examined Mr. Homer Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, Vancouver, B.C.

Your Committee also heard a submission from the Fisheries Council of Canada, by Mr. David F. Corney, President, and examined Messrs. R. L. Payne, Guy LeBlanc, R. I. Nelson and C. G. O'Brien, members of the Council.

Your Committee received a brief from the Campbell River Chamber of Commerce, Vancouver Island, copies of which were passed to members of the Committee and discussed.

The Committee draws attention to four areas affecting the industry on which considerable evidence was given by the Minister, his officials and representatives of the fishing industry. While it is left to individual members of the Committee to state their own views on how these matters should be dealt with, your Committee jointly expresses its concern at the serious nature of these problems.

There is increasing evidence of bold encroachment by foreign fishing fleets into waters on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts where the Canadian fishing industry has traditionally operated. It is urgently necessary for this government problem to be resolved. There is also evidence of the breakdown in one case and