

Inquiries of the Ministry

by fishermen and town councils concerning lamprey control and the erection of barriers in rivers flowing into lake Huron and Georgian bay. The policy at the present time is to endeavour to eradicate the lamprey in lake Superior and thus preserve the lake trout stocks in that lake. If this proves successful, then efforts will be made toward the eradication of the sea lamprey in the other lakes. It is expected that the great lakes fisheries commission soon will be seized with the responsibility of lamprey control. At that time these representations will be brought to the attention of the commission.

I might also point out that the time for the erection of barricades in the rivers for this year has passed, and that by next year we hope the commission rather than the Department of Fisheries will be doing this work.

COUNTY	Lobsters—District 7B May 1st to June 30th	
	1954 (Cwts.)	1955 (Cwts.)
New Brunswick		
Restigouche	1,378	1,280
Gloucester	14,305	11,274
Northumberland	10,133	8,643
Kent	1,282	397
Total	27,098	21,594
Prince Edward Island		
Prince	10,199	13,753
Queens	15,212	20,413
Kings	36,017	34,156
Total	61,428	68,322
Nova Scotia		
Cumberland	6,897	7,359
Pictou	23,474	25,088
Antigonish	9,309	9,228
Guysborough	1,696	1,438
Inverness	5,961	7,641
Total	47,337	50,754
GRAND TOTAL	135,863	140,670

Lobsters—District 7B
1954 and 1955

LOBSTERS—REQUEST FOR FALL SEASON IN
AREA 7B, NEW BRUNSWICK

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester): In the absence of the Minister of Fisheries, I should like to direct a question to the parliamentary assistant. In view of the small catch of lobsters reported for the spring fishing season which closed on June 30, can the parliamentary assistant inform the house whether the department is prepared to consider requests from individual fishermen or groups of fishermen and from the municipal council of Gloucester county, asking for the granting of a one month fall season extending from September 10 to October 10 for lobster fishing district 7B?

Mr. J. Watson MacNaught (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries): I wish to thank the hon. member for having given me notice of his intention to ask this question.

The department is prepared at any time to consider requests from individuals or groups of fishermen for changes in the regulations. Our officials have been present at meetings where this was discussed, and it has also been brought to our attention by representatives from other constituencies. For this reason we have investigated the problem.

I have a statement here showing the catches of lobster in district 7B for 1954 and 1955, together with a summary of the catches in the provinces and counties. Since this statement is quite long, too long to read, I should like the permission of the house to place it on *Hansard*.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. MacNaught: The statement is as follows:

	1954		TOTAL (Cwts.)
	MAY (Cwts.)	JUNE (Cwts.)	
63. Restigouche	803	575	1,378
64. Gloucester W.	793	304	1,097
65. Gloucester C.	1,987	1,676	3,663
66. Miscou & Ship. Is.	3,419	3,647	7,066
67. Gloucester E.	547	475	1,022
68. Gloucester S.	765	692	1,457
70. North N.E.	1,654	2,502	4,156
73. North S.E.	4,024	1,953	5,977
75. Kent North	551	731	1,282
82. Prince West	2,725	3,501	6,226
83. Prince East	2,207	1,766	3,973
85. Queens West	5,369	2,586	7,955
86. Queens East	4,030	3,227	7,257
87. Kings South	11,847	4,209	16,056
88. Kings North	11,664	8,297	19,961
45. Cumb. N.W.	1,170	294	1,464
46. Cumb. N.E.	4,657	776	5,433
11. Pictou W.	13,702	4,977	18,679
12. Pictou E.	3,752	1,043	4,795
13. Antigonish	6,432	2,877	9,309
14. Guys. N.	1,039	657	1,696
3. Inverness S.	3,453	2,508	5,961
TOTALS	86,590	49,273	135,863

	1955		TOTAL (Cwts.)
	MAY (Cwts.)	JUNE (Cwts.)	
63. Restigouche	931	349	1,280
64. Gloucester W.	1,389	123	1,512
65. Gloucester C.	1,448	453	1,901
66. Miscou & Ship. Is.	3,068	2,002	5,070
67. Gloucester E.	1,073	419	1,492
68. Gloucester S.	875	424	1,299
70. North N.E.	2,691	1,278	3,969
73. North S.E.	3,495	1,179	4,674
75. Kent North	204	193	397
82. Prince West	5,430	2,739	8,169
83. Prince East	2,497	3,087	5,584
85. Queens West	8,397	2,130	10,527
86. Queens East	6,840	3,046	9,886
87. Kings South	11,154	4,333	15,487
88. Kings North	13,310	5,359	18,669
45. Cumb. N.W.	1,275	192	1,467
46. Cumb. N.E.	5,313	579	5,892
11. Pictou W.	14,283	6,098	20,381
12. Pictou E.	3,821	886	4,707
13. Antigonish	6,725	2,503	9,228
14. Guys. N.	808	630	1,438
3. Inverness S.	4,833	2,808	7,641
TOTALS	99,860	40,810	140,670