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was a little earlier closure on two species of salmon in that area. Later on, a definite announcement was made that the closure was going to be put into effect. This brought forth a great many objections on behalf of those engaged in the fishing industry. I received a letter from the Albion local of the united fishermen's union protesting the measure, and there were some other submissions which set forth alternative proposals. But we are very happy to hear that the minister has given further consideration to this matter, and instead of setting the date in September as he had already stated, it is being placed at October 8 this year. I trust that before next year's closure date is reached circumstances will be revealed that will make it unnecessary to shorten further the fishing season in that area.

Although we are very appreciative of the action that has been taken by the minister, and we want to express our appreciation to him for that consideration, we trust, as I say, that further consideration will be given and some new facts brought to light that will enable him to allow the fishermen to continue fishing operations in the area between the New Westminster and the Mission bridges.

Mr. Goode: I do not know whether it is in a spirit of surprise or not, but everyone seems to think that the Minister of Fisheries has done an exceptional job on his estimates. I think the final conclusion is that he comes from British Columbia.

In regard to fishing between the New Westminster bridge and the bridge at Mission, may I point out to the hon. member for Fraser Valley that I would not say too much to my people at home about the Minister of Fisheries not doing what he says. He has been very kind this time, and I think very reasonable, in allowing these chaps to have another year, but I do not know that I would agree that fishing above the New Westminster bridge should be continued after this year.

But again I must take the proposition brought up by the hon. member for New Westminster this evening when he said that some of his people would be down in my territory to fish. The Minister of Fisheries and I will have to have a consultation about that, I hope, before the next fishing season comes around, because we have too many fishermen at Steveston now. These men are full-time fishermen. We have very few part-time fishermen. Most of my people own \$6,000 to \$12,000 boats. They do not do anything else but fish. That is their livelihood, and that livelihood should be protected. If you are going to allow part-time fishermen from the Fraser valley to come into the lower

part of the Fraser river and fish, then I think the member for Burnaby-Richmond will again be on his feet making the same kind of fight for his people.

There is a suggestion regarding licences on the Fraser river that I hope the Minister of Fisheries will take into consideration. I am fully in agreement that there are too many people fishing on the river. The difficulty seems to be this: What are we going to do about it? Why not do this? Why not create a different type of licence for deep-sea fishing and for fishing in the Fraser river? Why not make this a solution to the whole matter, that a man must be a full-time fisherman, using that phrase "his only means of livelihood" before he can get a fishing licence. Let us stop those sport fishermen from getting commercial licences. Too many men running small cruisers are working in Pacific waters or waters adjacent to Vancouver catching more fish than they should.

As an example, perhaps I am one of those at fault. I have a small boat, and in 1952 I went to the fisheries inspector of Steveston and got a commercial licence to see just what you had to do to get one of those important documents. All it meant was that I paid \$1, signed a piece of paper and I was a commercial fisherman. I do not say this to the minister in a spirit of criticism, but it should be looked into because every Tom, Dick and Harry with an outboard motor can have a commercial fishing licence.

I want to bring this to the attention of the minister. He and the Associate Minister of National Defence were kind enough to assist, and in fact did most of the work in getting the new fishing harbour at Steveston which will take care of most of our small boats during southeast gales. There is a matter, though, that I wish to bring to his attention and that is the matter of \$70,000. That amount of money represents the difference between the amount in last year's estimates for this fishing harbour and the amount that was finally awarded to a contractor on the lower mainland. That \$70,000 would just about take care of floats for the men at Steveston. And if the Minister of Fisheries will kindly speak to his colleague, the Minister of Public Works, and get that \$70,000 spent on floats for the fish harbour at Steveston I know my people would be very happy.

I want to say something about the trade delegation that the Minister of Fisheries spoke about this afternoon. Again I think my riding can take a little credit. Mr. Ken Fraser, who is manager of the Imperial cannery at Steveston, led that delegation. In conjunction with other executives of the fishing industry of British Columbia, and