

April 7th, 1915

Messrs B.C. Salmon Cannery Association,
Vancouver,
B.C.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to copy of your letter of the 5th inst. to the Deputy Minister of Marine & Fisheries re use of small gasoline boats in collecting fish, I would like to point out that there are one or two statements in this letter not in accordance with fact; and on which I think information should have been sought from those in a position to advise, before committing the Association to definite statements which subsequently require considerable explaining away.

In the first paragraph you state "in each instance the cannery own the boats" etc. This is incorrect, as in many instances the boats are owned by individuals who charter them to the cannery for the sockeye fishing season, and employ them in other enterprises during the remainder of the year.

In your second paragraph you state that the boats are not registered or named; they are only fishing boats about 30 feet long by 7 or 8 feet beam; have been used solely for fishing with gill nets; are only used for collecting salmon when the run of fish renders it desirable to keep the fishermen on the lays; and that they are licensed fishing boats and distinguished by numbers corresponding to the license.

