

25th April 1921.

E. B. Deming, Esq.,

Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Mr. Deming:-

The local cannery held an informal meeting to-day to discuss your suggestion that they send a delegation to Bellingham on Wednesday, and decided that before any regular joint meeting was held it would be better for me to go down and discuss preliminary plans with you and such other sound interests as you might ask to be present.

They do not feel like asking the fishermen to agree to any suggestions of theirs without first learning whether their ideas would likely be such as your Fishery Board would endorse, and which the said Board could enforce once it made the necessary rulings. From a study of the powers conferred on your Board they have obtained the impression that while it undoubtedly could pass restrictive measures they had no proper fund from which to defray the necessary policing to insure their regulations being carried into effect.

Whether they are correct in their impression you of course know better than I do, but if they have the necessary powers, and your cannery can make proposals to our cannery that will permit the sockeyes to have free passage to the spawning beds during such closed periods as may be agreed on, there will be no question of our cannery ratifying such agreement. Unless I advise you to the contrary to-morrow I will therefore go over to Bellingham on Wednesday morning, outline what would doubtless meet with the approval of the B. C. interests, and if agreeable to your people, you could then give me something concrete to bring back to lay before the parties here.

Yours very truly

HD/P.