

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF FISHERIES

Washington

The Alaska American fish Co. did not operate last season. Very truly yours, R. J. Gallivan

Sir:

Inclosed herewith are blank forms for making return of operations in the packing of salmon and other fishes, for the season of 1908. There is also inclosed an addressed envelope in which to mail the same to the Bureau at the earliest possible date after the close of the season. The Alaska fisheries law requires that these reports be forwarded not later than December 15. The law also requires that they "shall be sworn to by the superintendent, manager, or other person having knowledge of the facts, a separate blank form being used for each establishment in cases where more than one cannery, saltery, or other establishment is conducted by a person, company, or corporation." Attention is called to the fact that a heavy penalty is provided for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

It is desired that the report by localities, streams, and apparatus be prepared with all the care and detail possible. The names of streams and localities should be those of official charts, in case they have been charted. Different redfish streams in the same bay or sound should be separately reported, as far as the catch can properly be credited to the separate streams. Catches not certainly referable to particular streams may be reported under the head of the bay, sound, or region. Returns should show separation of localities as far as the packers' records of the source of salmon can by reasonable effort be made to furnish the necessary information. The lumping of catches over large areas is to be avoided as far as possible.

Respectfully,

G. M. Borden
Commissioner.