

COPPER RIVER PACKING CO.

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SEATTLE, WASH., December 26, 1917.

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H. M. Smith,

Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of December 17th, regarding our catch of Coho fish at Abercrombie, Alaska, beg to state that our bookkeeper failed to keep a separate record of the Cohos, inasmuch as we paid the fishermen the same price as we did for Sockeyes, and he being a new man did not realize the consistency of keeping these separate.

In making up our reports we tried to figure this out accurately, taking the catch as best we could. Our total catch of Sockeyes and Cohos you will notice is 175,753, which makes an average per case of the two fish, Sockeyes and Cohos, of about fourteen (14) fish to the case. This tallies very favorable with last year's catch, except, of course, that the fish were much smaller than the were in 1916. Our Sockeyes averaged for 1916 - 12:71 per case, and Cohos averaged 10:33 per case.

We regret very much that this matter has been so mixed up, but we can assure you we gave you an accurate record of fish taken, as well as the pack, and the only trouble is in keeping the Cohos separate from the Sockeyes.

Very truly yours,

COPPER RIVER PACKING CO.,

By F. H. Bennett

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