

February 27, 1919.

Memorandum for Mr. Christoffers:

Inclosed herewith is memorandum of this date submitted by Mr. Ball calling attention to producers of Alaska fishery products shown by the Pacific Fisherman annual of January, 1919, in addition to reports received by the Bureau. Please see what you can do toward straightening out these figures. ^{It} ^{may} be that some of the items listed in the Pacific Fisherman are in the nature of estimates. Inquiry at that office probably will indicate whether such is the case. A number of the companies listed have their headquarters at Seattle. You have already been written in regard to some of them. A number of them you will not be able to do much with but it is felt certain that you can render valuable aid to this office in its efforts to secure accurate statistics of the Alaska fisheries. Please give this matter your earliest attention so that the records may be closed up without delay.

It may be advisable to bring to your attention some of the names concerning which special information is available here. You will find the Alaska Fishing Company, Dutch Harbor, listed as packing 3,250 barrels of herring and 50,000 lbs of cod. The report submitted by the company shows 45 barrels of Norwegian pickled herring and 40,000 lbs of cod. The great variance in these figures regarding herring would seem to warrant an inquiry at the office of the Pacific Fisherman.

A letter has been addressed to-day to Mr. Studdert who probably will reach Seattle about the time you receive this communication, asking him to aid in securing figures regarding the pack of herring on Cook Inlet in the calendar year 1918. Undoubtedly he can give very close estimates. Please ask him to show you the Bureau's letter of to-day addressed to him on this subject.

In respect to the Ketchikan Cold Storage Company, the report at this office shows only something over a million pounds of frozen herring for bait. It is noted that the Pacific Fisherman annual credits this company with 80,000 lbs. of frozen salmon and 50,000 lbs. frozen halibut. They report that their plant was used by other companies.

Mr. Walker has been telegraphed to look up the report of the Juneau Cold Storage Company and two small companies at Douglas.

Please make particular inquiry of the San Juan Fishing & Packing Company as to its activities in southeastern Alaska. You will note that the inclosed list shows that this company handled 100,000 lbs. of

frozen salmon at Ketchikan. The report from the company at this office covers only its operations at Seward.

It is noted that in one place reference is made to the Kuskokwim Fishing & Trading Co. and in another place reference is made to the Kuskokwim Fishing & Transportation Co. It is wondered whether these *refer to* are the same company.

After you have finished with the inclosed list please return it to this office.

A few days ago a pamphlet was received listing Alaska fishing industries. This was compiled by the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. It is noted thereon that in the list of salmon canneries appears the name of the Golden Shore Packing Co., Petersburg, home office in the L. C. Smith Bldg., Seattle. The Bureau is not aware that the company had a cannery at Petersburg. Please advise.

It is noted also that the Lisianski company is credited with a cannery at Stag Bay. A report from the company indicates that it engaged in salting operations only and did not can salmon. The home office of the company is in the L. C. Smith Bldg. Please make inquiry regarding the character of their operations.

Ward J. Bower.