

Interviewed: January 27, 1976

FISHERMAN: Mr. Art Moore,
436 Brown Road,
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- Started fishing in 1930.
- 1930 was the first year he had a license.
- You weren't allowed to have a license then til you were 14 years old.
- He tells of how he went fishing when he was 13 and his in the boat from the fishery's officer as he had no license.
- He says the fishery's officer often knew he was there but he never interfered with Mr. Moore.
- The license cost \$1.00, later \$16.00.
- The fishery's officer often overlooked the kids that were fishing, as Mr. Moore can remember anyone ever getting a fine.
- That fishery's officer is dead now.
- Pollution got so bad in the North Arm that the vast number of salmon going up has been drastically reduced, due to mills, etc.
- Claims that the mills dump their vats into the river when everyone is sleeping.
- This has killed off the runs, however, some of the fish go up the main river to avoid this.
- Millions of fish have been killed due to pollution.
- "If they don't watch this a little bit closer, there won't be a salmon left".
- "The Fraser is the largest spawning salmon river in the world".
- Mr. Moore also attributes the decrease in salmon to the population explosion and the consequential raw sewage outfall.
- Mr. Moore has caught typhoid on the Fraser and also a disease on his face.
- Deep water ships used to come into the Terra Nova Cannery. Now these ships can't get within five miles of the Cannery on account of the fill on the river and the flats.
- Mr. Moore recounts the story of one of his friends, Mr. Takahashi, who celebrated the bombing of Pearl Harbour: "They honestly believe that they were going to take our country".

- Of all the boys that Mr. Moore went to school with (in his last year at school) he is the only one still alive.
- Recounts the story of a class mate named Yeta, who was a good friend of Mr. Moore's, (he had poor eyesight). When Yeta was 18 he had to go to Japan for military training, he was put into the front lines (in a trench) in the Manchurian War and was machine-gunned to death by a bi-plane.
- Recounts the story of another friend who went to Japan for military training and came back selling bonds (this was before the war).
- Mr. Moore claims that the Japanese-Canadians got paid more for their boats and land during the war than they ever paid for them.

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- Recounts stories of incidents concerning Japanese submarines on the B. C. Coast during the war.(the shelling of Estivan Point, etc.)
- Recounts the story of a Jack Homer who got a shell from a Canadian war vessel shot through his bow. (this happened on the B. C. Coast).