

Interviewed: January 23, 1976

FISHERMAN: Mr. Inouye,  
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- Started fishing in 1950.
- His father was in Japan at that time.
- Mr. Inouye came to Canada in 1946.
- There are also some other members of his family involved in fishing.
- Mr. Inouye has never been injured whilst fishing.
- There have been a lot of changes in the boats.
- His first boat was 32 ft. long.
- He has got a bigger boat now, one which has more "beam".
- The general increase in beam that the boats have today has made them safer boats in that they do not roll as much.
- Mr. Inouye first started using linen nets, then nylon and finally monoply.
- The monoply nets were better to use in the clear water than the linen.
- The linen nets had a tendency to stretch more than the nylon.
- The monoply did not stretch much.
- He used a 5 1/8th mesh for sockeye.
- Mr. Inouye originally started fishing on the Skeena River.
- Mr. Inouye has spent a considerable amount of time fishing for shrimp.
- The nets used for catching shrimp have changed from linen to nylon.
- The amount of shrimp which is being caught is getting less and less all the time.
- Mr. Inouye attributes the smaller amounts of shrimp caught to the increase in boat numbers.
- Mr. Inouye as been fishing shrimp for ten years.
- The price the fisherman gets for shrimp has gone up: Inflation is a factor.
- The fishermen don't get much for their shrimp the stores do.
- Mr. Inouye says that the U.F.A.W.U. has been good for the shoreworkers.

- Mr. Inouye has fished for dog fish (gray fish).
- He used to fish for dog fish with his boy up river (Fraser)
- He sent the dog fish livers to a chemical company in Vancouver.
- He got about 28¢ a pound for dog fish livers.
- Mr. Inouye caught the dog fish on a "long-line".
- The average size of dog fish caught was around 3 ft.
- There were no regulations concerning dog fish.
- One time, Mr. Inouye's boat drifted up onto the rocks (describes)
- Mr. Inouye remembers the cannery houses, wooden hand-made benches, no electricity, wooden beds with a thin mattress, home-made tables, woodstove, outhouses over the river.
- On Sundays, they would go up the river to New Westminster where they got on the booms and collected bark for their woodstove.