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- Started in 1950.
- Was 25 years-old.
- Father was a fisherman.
- Fished on father's boat.
- Brother (deceased) was a fisherman.
- Few childhood friends became fishermen. Those who had opportunities for higher education went on to other fields.
- Boats have gotten bigger.
- More electronic equipment, i.e. echo sounder, graph sounder.
- 70% of gilnetters now combination boats. For example, a gilnetter can also troll. This change occured around 1955.
- Nets used to be made of linen, then nylon, to present.
- Floats used to be made of cork on the seines.
- Floats used to be made of cedar on the gilnetters.
- Boats never used to have radar and loran.
- The locality that the fleet in Steveston fished in has changed.
- The quality of the fish has improved.
- The number of fish overall has increased but decreased per boat.
- Japanese fishermen were restricted to fishing only in certain areas (where license was applicable) prior to WW II and had to have special licences to fish for any given species the White fishermen were not subject to these restrictions.
- No groups attempted to have the restrictions abolished.
- They were abolished after the War.
- These restrictions had some effect on the Japanese community.
- The Japanese had no vote at that time.
- Most descrimination comes from politics.
- Deckhands were paid by the month.
- There was a Steveston Japanese Fishermens Association (Japanese Member) which negociated with the company.
- Fishermen used to have to pay their own compensation.
- The fishermen's hospital was run by the Steveston Japanese Fishermen's Association.
- Run by Japanese, terminated in during the war, bought and turned it into the Army & Navy Club.
- Funded by the parents who paid yearly.

- The Japanese encountered some difficulty getting started again after the war (declines to explain)
- Seines boats have vastly improved by employing drums which reduce the number of crew needed.