

THE FISHING VESSEL OWNERS ASSOCIATION FONDS

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Fonds Description

Title: The Fishing Vessel Owners Association

Dates: 1935 – 1997, [19-?]

Physical Description:

Extent: 6 cubic feet

Administrative History

The Fishing Vessel Owners Association (F.V.O.A.) has served the interests of fishing vessel owners since 1935. The F.V.O.A. is involved with all aspects related to fish and water issues. These include, but are not limited to, First Nations concerns, the development and administration of relevant legislation, policies and procedures, the environment, vessels, land referrals, and Canadian-U.S. relations and negotiations. This work is done in conjunction with all relevant organization, committees, councils, boards, governmental departments, and legislative bodies. These groups include, but are not limited to, the Canadian government's Fisheries and Oceans Department, the Fisheries Development Council, Transport Canada, The Coast Guard, the Herring Management Working Group and Herring Industry Advisory Board, the Aboriginal Peoples Foods Fisheries, Canada's Northern Department's Minister of Indian Affairs, the Salmonid Enhancement Task Group, the Fraser River Panel, the Pacific Coast Salmon Commission, and the U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Commercial Fisheries,

Scope and Content

This fonds consists of 12 series; meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, welfare funds, videos, regulations and legislation, related organizations, general business records, land referrals, herring (roe), financial, First Nations, and salmon. Each of the series relates to the F.V.O.A.'s work with fishing and water concerns. The same issues defined within each of these series are also documented through the newspaper clippings. The minutes span over 40 years, beginning in 1938, and include general, committee, director's and membership meetings. The fonds also includes copies of legislation and regulations relating to various fishing and water related concerns, such as ports and harbours, maritime codes, vessel construction, shipping, and research. The F.V.O.A.'s ongoing cooperative work with relevant

outside groups is documented through numerous drafts, proposals, agreements, reports, and correspondence. The video's are of the Skeena River Steelhead, Salmon, the Sportfish Observer Program and First Nations fishing rights. There is a large amount of land referral material (the application for use of Crown land) including several maps. With reference directly to fish; there is information on herring (roe) related issues, and a significant amount of documents covering Salmon. A vast portion of the Salmon series deals with Canadian-U.S. negotiations regarding poaching, water boundaries, salmon shares, runs and catches. The fonds provides overall insight into the workings of the F.V.O.A. Unfortunately, all materials which date from 1980 to the present are restricted until March 20, 2012.

Series Descriptions

Meeting Minutes series: 1938-1974, 1995-1996

This series consists mainly of minutes from general meetings, committee meetings, membership meetings, director's meetings and annual meetings of the F.V.O.A. Several have balance statements and newspaper clippings attached and there is one Register Book from July, 1946 – April 1950. The years from 1963 through 1974 are incomplete. The folders are arranged by dates.

Newspaper Clippings series: 1986-1987

This series includes clippings from various newspapers which relate to fishing and water issues, the people involved, programs, and First Nations rights and court decisions. There are both copies and originals. The clippings are attached and in one folder.

Welfare Funds series: 1956-1965

This series consists of records of the United Fishermen's Welfare Fund (1964-1965), the Pilchard and Herring Welfare Fund (1957-1961), the Longliners Welfare Fund (1959), the Halibut Welfare Fund (1961), and several other smaller funds. Records include articles, by-laws, financial statements and correspondence. The folders are arranged by Fund names, with the smaller ones grouped together.

Video series: 1984, 1990, 19-?

The videos relate to fishing issues such as the Skeena River Steelhead, Salmon, the Sportfish Observer Program and First Nation fishing rights. Many are undated and/or without production information. The videos are arranged by SP VT numbers; SP VT 19.1 – 19.8.

Regulations and Legislation series: 1935-1962, 1969-1970, 1977-1978, 1984, 1992-1993

This series consists of copies of various fishing or water related regulations and legislations adopted or in development. The Bills include; Bill C-2 (the administration and development of certain fishing and recreational harbours in Canada); Bill C-6 and C-61

(Canadian ports); Bill C-38 (Act amending the Fisheries Act); and Bill C-41 (Act providing a maritime code for Canada and amending the Canada Shipping Act). There are also reports, studies, proposals and correspondence from both the F.V.O.A. and governmental bodies relating to the above regulations and legislation, the Canadian Vessel Construction Act, and the National Research Council of Canada. The fishing and water related regulations are arranged by date; regulations to 1951, 1952-1955, 1953-1962, and include not only copies of regulations but reports, bulletins, proposals and correspondence as well. The folders are arranged by date.

Related Organizations series: 1939-1973, 1979-1987, 1992-1993

This series includes the records of both Canadian and American organizations / governmental bodies whose business is directly related to the F.V.O.A. The organizations represented include; the Fisheries Development Council (1956-1957, 1959, 1961-1962, 1964) , records consist of correspondence, minutes, press releases, reports, and information concerning the Department of Fisheries; the Dominion Bureau of Statistics (1957-1959) , records include reports on fish freezing and stocks; the U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Commercial Fisheries (1958-1962), records include frozen fish reports and annual reports; and the Department of Fisheries (1948-1973), fish marketing reports, regulations for inspections, collection of statistics, storage and refrigeration, and reports, correspondence relating to improving quality standards, and a survey map of the Bay of Fundy area ca. 1926-1927. There are also records of the United Fisherman and Allied Workers Union (U.F.A.W.U.), 1939-1966, which include policy statements, memorandums, press releases, newspaper clippings and documents relating to grievances. In addition, there is a copy of a speech given at the U.F.A.W.U.'s 1954 annual meeting by the Right Honorable James Sinclair. The minutes, releases, allocation plan and motions of the Fisheries Management Advisory Council (MAC) are also included in this series. The folders are arranged according to the organization's names and subjects.

General Business records series: 1972-1974, 1984-1997

This series consist of an assortment of records relating to the vast number of issues that concern the F.V.O.A. or directly relate to its operations. The subjects include; the environment, fishing and vessels, spawning, fueling needs, membership, patrols, First Nations, Transport Canada policies and procedures, correspondence to and from the U.F.A.W.U., and correspondence to and from the F.V.O.A. management with numerous relevant individuals, groups, associations, and governmental bodies. The folders are arranged by date.

Land Referral series: 1986-1996

Includes Land Referrals (applications for use of Crown Land), some with maps attached. The Referrals are sent to the F.V.O.A. for their consideration. Series includes responses from the F.V.O.A. including reasons for approval or rejection, listings of referral numbers, applicant names, land locations, chart numbers, and general correspondence. There are interspersed records which relate to general business such as employment, membership,

mailing lists, donations, video productions, First Nations issues (agreement drafts), The Coast Guard, and numerous other fish and water concerns. The folders are arranged by date, land referral number and/or geographical area.

Herring (Roe) series: 1979-1987, 1991-1993

This series includes the minutes, reports and correspondence of the Herring Management Working Group and the Herring Industry Advisory Board, correspondence relating to herring from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and material concerning herring management and allocation, catches and value, and herring fisheries. In addition, there are records which document herring allocation class actions.

Financial series: 1938-1969, 1974-1990

This series includes financial statements of the F.V.O.A., trust documents, and several receipt books. The folders are arranged by date.

First Nations series: 1986-1993

Includes reports and correspondence concerning First Nations rights in relation to salmon and other fish, land, and the Aboriginal Peoples Foods Fisheries. There is material from the Minister of Indian Affairs, Northern Development and additional groups and individuals involved with the fishing industry's portion of the Nisga'a's land claims, the Sparrow Case, band by-laws and Fraser River salmon. The series consists of one folder only.

Salmon series: 1965, 1971-1977, 1980-1992

This majority of the material in this series relates to various groups involved in the issues surrounding Salmon. These include the Salmonid Enhancement Task Group (SETG), the Fraser River Panel (the Fraser River Estuary Study), the Pacific Salmon Commission, the Pacific Trollers Association, the Salmon Marketing Council, and relevant governmental departments such as Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans. This material pertains to; salmon runs, allocations, catches and stocks, fishing seasons, court decisions, river boundaries, salmon fisheries, vessels, test fishing policies and test areas, and spawning. The

majority of this information concerns Canadian-U.S. relations and negotiations on the issues outlined above. The types of material include; minutes, reports, press releases, bulletins, conference publications, statistical data, directories, meeting agendas, maps and correspondence. There is one copy of Canada's section of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Although incomplete, the Pacific Coast Salmon Seiners Association's publication, 'The Beachline' is also included. The folders are arranged by topics. and/or subject names.

Box and Folder List

Box Folder

Meeting Minutes Series:

1 1 Minutes, 1938-1942

1 2 General Meeting Books (2), 1950-1961

1 3 Minutes, 1942-1952

1 4 Minutes, 1953-1957

1 5 Minutes, 1958-1962

1 6 Minutes, 1963-1974

R Minute Book: F.V.O.A. General Meetings, SETG, FCBC, PARC Roundtable, FCIC and others, 1995-1996 (box 3, folder 1) **Restricted until March 20,2012**

Newspaper Clippings series:

1 7 Newspaper clippings, 1986-1987

1 8 Newspaper clippings, 1986-1987

Welfare Funds Series:

1 9 Welfare Funds, 1956-1965

Video Series:

SP VT 19. 1 – SP VT 19. 8

SP VT 19.1 – “Skeena Steelhead: Symbol of Survival” 27:30, The British Columbia Steelhead Society – 2 copies

SP VT 19.2 – “The Skeena River Crisis”, Prince Rupert Save Our Communities Committee, 9 min. 25 seconds, 1994 (Black Tusk Video Inc.) – 3 copies

SP VT 19.3 “The Skeena River Steelhead Issue” Prince Rupert Save Our Communities Committee – 3 copies

SP VT 19.4 “Skeena – copy”

SP VT 19.5 “F.V.O.A. 1989 Sportfish Observer Program, Fransican # 1, Area 20 (2 Copies)

SP VT 19.6 “The Fritz-Wright Immersion Suit”, Nov. 20, 1984. – 2 copies

SP VT 19.7 “Illegal Native Fishing” – October 7, 1994 – Nov. 9, 1994 – BCTV News Coverage, 1:09:00

SPVT 19.8 “Wild Salmon / Clean Water” – recorded live @ Duncan May 1990 (rough, unedited) by Holly Arntzen & Des Kennedy.

Regulations and Legislation series:

- 1 10 Longline Fishing Agreements, 1969-1970
- 1 11 Bill C-2, 1977 - 1978
- 1 12 Bill C-6 and Bill C-61, 1977
- 1 13 Bill C-38, 1977-78 and Bill C-41, 1977
- 1 14 Canadian Vessel Construction Act and National Research Council of Canada Study, 1942, 1944, 1955-56, 1958, 1962
- 1 15 Fisheries Regulations and Reports, 1935-1951
- 1 16 Fisheries Regulations, 1952-1955
- 1 17 Fisheries Regulations, 1953- 1962
- R Federal Court Judgments: Seiners, 1984 (box 3, folder 2) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**

Box 1

R F.V.O.A. and Steven Kelleher: Commercial Fishers and Collective Bargaining, 1992-1993 (box 3, folder 3) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**

Box 2

Related Organizations series:

2 1 Fisheries Development Council, 1956-1957, 1959, 1961-1962, 1964

2 2 Frozen Fish: Fish Freezing and Stocks, Reports, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Dominion Bureau of Statistics: Industry and Merchandising Division, 1957- 1962

2 3 Fisheries Marketing: Department of Fisheries, Inspection Regulations, 1954-1973

2 4 Fisheries General: Department of Fisheries, United Fishermen and Allied Workers, 1948, 1954, 1961, Map of Bay of Fundy, 1926-1927

2 5 United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, 1939-1966, and the Four Nations Conference, 1959

R Fisheries Management Advisory Council (MAC), 1979-1987 / North Coast Advisory Board, 1992-1993 (box 3, folder 4) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**

General Business records series:

2 6 General Business records, 1974

R General Business records, 1989 (box 3, folder 5) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**

R General Business records, 1984-1988 (box 3, folder 6) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**

R General Business records, 1987-1991 (box 3, folder 7) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**

- R General Business records, 1989-1990 (box 3, folder 8) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**
- R General Business records, 1993-1997 (box 3, folder 9) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**
- R General Business records, 1991 (box 3, folder 10) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**
- R General Business records, 1993-1994 (box 4, folder 1) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**

Land Referral series: **All folders restricted until March 20, 2012**

- R Land Referral Material, 1992-1993 (box 4, folder 2)
- R Land Referral Material, 1990 (box 4, folder 3)
- R Land Referral Material, 1989-1991, Land Ref.# 1406001-1406300 (box 4, folder 4)
- R Land Referral Material, 1989-1990, Land Ref.# 1405601-140600 (box 4, folder 5)
- R Land Referral Material, 1995 (box 4, folder 6)
- R Land Referral Material, 1996 (box 4, folder 7)
- R Land Referral Material, 1986-1990, Burnaby, Williams Lake, Smithers (box 4, folder 8)

Herring (Roe) series: **All folders restricted until March 20, 2012**

- R Herring Management Working Group, Herring Industry Advisory Board, 1984-1985 (box 4, folder 9/ box 5, folder 1)
- R Herring Management Working Group, Herring Industry Advisory Board, 1986-1987 (box 5, folder 2)
- R Class Actions: Herring Allocations, 1979-1984 (box 5, folder 3)

- R Class Actions: Herring Allocations and Miscellaneous, 1979-1985 (box 5, folder 4)
- R Herring: Allocation, Catch and Value, Herring Fisheries, Management of Herring, 1991-1993 (box 5, folder 5)

Financial records series:

- 2 7 Financial Material, 1938-1941, 1943-1969
- 2 8 Financial Material, 1974-1979
- R Financial Material, 1980-1990 (box 5, folder 6) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**
- R Financial Material, 1980-1988 (box 5, folder 7) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**
- R Financial Materials: Cassiar Packing Co. Trust, 1983-1987 (box 5, folder 8) **Restricted until March 20, 2012**

First Nations series: **All folders restricted until March 20, 2012**

- R First Nations, 1986-1993 (box 5, folder 9)

Salmon series:

- 2 9 The Beachline: Pacific Coast Salmon Seiners Association Newsletter, 1981-1982
- 2 10 Salmon: Canada-U.S.A. (interception of salmon by other countries- report on estimates, also negotiation report, 1967-1971)
- 2 11 Salmon: Allocations, Catches and Share Material, 1965-1977
- 2 12 Salmon: Newspaper Clippings, 1985

Salmon series: **All folders restricted until March 20, 2012**

- R Salmon: Canada- U.S.A., 1983-1989 (Box 5, folder 10)
- R Salmon Shares, 1984-1993 (Box 6, folder 1)
- R Salmonid Enhancement Task Group, 1982-1985, 1992 (Box 6, folder 2)
- R Fraser River Panel, 1980-1990 (Box 6, folder 3)