

(fishermen)

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- Mr. Moore started fishing in 1930.
- Mr. Duff started fishing in 1934.
- Mr. Peterson started fishing in 1936.
- The size of the boats have not changed much since Mr. Duff started fishing.
- There are still one man boats.
- The style of the boats have changed a little.
- Linen nets were used in Mr. Moore's time.
- Cotton nets were only used in emergencies.
- The linen nets were not good nets, there was a lot of work using them.
- The linen nets did not catch fish as well.
- The linen nets were stronger than the nets used today.
- The linen nets were made from Irish linen and they came from England.
- The linen nets were expensive, they cost about \$200.00 which was a lot of money during the Depression.
- At that time (1930) the fishermen were only allowed to use 150 fathoms with 900 feet of net which changed during the war to a deeper net and a longer net (200 fathoms).
- Nets in 1930 they could only be 50 meshes deep.
- Mr. Moore first began to fish in the Middle Arm of the Fraser.
- During Mr. Duff's early years (1939) some people fished with nets below 50 meshes deep and were apprehended.
- The usual fine for breaking this regulation was a \$25 fine but the minimum penalty could be confiscation of boat, net, fishing license, and a jail term.
- Mr. Moore first started fishing on a "skiff" powered by hand, the net was also pulled in by hand.
- Most boats were originally made of wood.
- Mr. Duff: "Electronics have been an aide to navigation along the Coast"

- Electronics have made the fishing industry more competitive, i.e. when someone finds fish the news would get out over the air and boats would flock to that location.
- Foggy weather no longer bothers the boats with the advent of radar.
- Electronic equipment has made the fisherman's job easier. i.e. the automatic pilot is like having an extra man aboard.
- Radio telephone, echo sounder, radar, automatic pilot, sonar (under water fish scanner) have all appeared since Mr. Duff started fishing in 1934.
- Mr. Duff was once in a boat that went up on the rocks (declines to explain).
- One advantage of having an electronic equipment is that crew numbers have been reduced. i.e. instead of having 7 or 8 men they only need 5 or 6 now.
- Mr. Moore has noticed no change in the quality of the salmon since he started fishing in 1930.
- The salmon have decreased in size since 1930, i.e. in the Adams River run, the size has gone from an eight pounds fish to six pounds fish.
- Mr. Moore attributes this change to the numbers of fish spawning and the amount of feed available.
- Mr. Duff says about the change in his fishing technique over the years "Its slipping, it's slipping!"
- Mr. Duff enjoyed fishing more during the war because he had more time to fish, and the fish weren't quite so depleted.
- About the internment of the Japanese-Canadian people during WW II Mr. Duff says "It had to be because we were at war with Japan. The Japanese figured that they were ready to take over this country".
- When the Japanese left Mr. Duff found that there was less competition for awhile till other people bought up the confiscated boats.
- Mr. Moore states that pollution on the Fraser has become dangerous to the fishing industry: "Not only do you get indecency to the fish but to your own self."