

Alert Bay

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Inspector of Fisheries etc.

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LETTER No. 945

Dear Sir,

I have heard that you are sent up  
to inspect the Rivers and the fisheries here.  
and I take this opportunity to address you  
on behalf of our people the Kumpish tribe  
who own the River over on the opposite shore.  
We have been very anxious about our fish the  
Dog Salmon. We heard that the Cannery here is  
going to fish these fish and we have asked  
the Indian Department to help us in this matter  
of the Dog Salmon which is the staple food  
of all the Indians around here.  
Could you help us to keep these salmon from  
the Canneries, who we feel sure would soon  
fish them all out & we would lose our  
principle food. We would be willing to buy  
the licence for these salmon, if the Government  
would reserve them for us.  
We feel that our River is not protected enough.  
It is not protected like the other rivers in other  
places, the Company fish on Saturday morning  
as long as the low tide last, and fish on Sundays.  
We are also told that there is a net stretched  
across the River, at uperside of the last Ranch

the counsel of the law, this net is put there  
to keep the salmon from going up the river  
and we are sure if they treat the dog salmon  
as they are treating the sockeye they will  
soon fish them all out.

We have written about this before, but no  
notice has been taken of the complaint,  
if the bill had been at home we could  
have all come to you to help us.

But we thought are home taking this chance  
to let you know, so that you can tell  
the Government at Ottawa and help us  
in this our trouble.

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Remains yr humble servant.

Jerry Douglas  
for the Kwakwaka'wakw people.