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Prince Rupert Halibutters Taking Rest—Exhaustion of Dogfish Is Foreseen

The month of December sees the Prince Rupert halibut fleet almost in its entirety tied up in port following the closing of the fishing in Area No. 3 at the end of November and pending a start on shark and cod fishing after the impending holiday season. Final Canadian boat of the season to land its catch at Prince Rupert was the Joan W I of Vancouver, skippered by Capt. Paul Johansen, which disposed of 34,000 pounds late in November at the ceiling price of 18¼c and 15½c. Meanwhile, according to reports from Seattle, some 50 to 60 vessels of the American halibut fleet are fishing for soupfin shark and landing most of their catches at Marshfield, Oregon, and Eureka, California. Some of the American vessels will also fish for cod and sablefish off the North Pacific United States and British Columbia coasts.

Fishing for dogfish (grayfish) livers—most lucrative phase of the west coast fishing industry from the fisherman's standpoint—increased at such a pronounced rate this year that conservation experts are alarmed at the possibility of exhaustion of this invaluable source of Vitamin A. Figures just to hand from Ottawa show the reason for their concern. In August of this year B. C. landings of greyfish livers were 434,000 pounds, nearly twice as great as in August of last year. This one month's take was valued at more than $144,000 to the fishermen which total was roughly $100,000 more than they received for their catch in August of 1943. Just 10 years ago the dogfish was reported as a menace to the fishing industry because of its eating habits and the damage done to gill-nets. This year the reduced salmon pack was attributable in part to the fact that fishermen in larger numbers than ever before lingered at the greyfish grounds beyond the time when customarily they would have moved on to the salmon streams. Because of the advisability of perpetuating this fisheries asset, the fisheries conservation experts of B. C. and the three states to the south are co-operating in a study which will be the basis of recommendations for future regulations or voluntary limitation. This may involve the sparing of live live-producing fish under a certain size. Scientific aspects of the problem indicate that great care will be needed to prevent the fishing out of the species. Excessive fishing could soon eliminate the grayfish as a commercial asset. Against this must be ranged the undesirable trait of the greyfish feeding on salmon, halibut and other fish.

Indications of herring in waters near Prince Rupert are still lacking fishermen report. Some small catches were made in the Bella Bella area early this week but the small fish failed to show up in appreciable numaers. This upsets the expecta tions aroused last spring when there was a heavy spawn off Port Simpson and Dundas Island.

The newly completed packer-troller Four-Forty, recently built by Crawley and Didericksen for Perry York and Bill Anderson, will be going on her formal trial run tomorrow morning carrying her owners, builders and a few friends up Tuck's Inlet. Complete except for her mast and gear, the 46-footer is a tidy looking job and should do her job well. The boat is powered by a 110 horsepower Chrysler engine and will sleep four in the fo'csle and two in the pilot house. The galley is on deck, aft of the pilot house, and she has cargo space for 10 tons of fish.

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"Great Moment," with Joel McCrea and Betty Field

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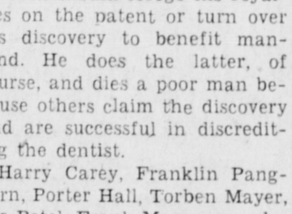

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