

## Alaska Fishing Halted Because Of Extinction Threat

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Howard Baltzo, newly appointed chief of Alaska fisheries for the Fish and Wildlife Service, explains that the week's shutdown of territorial fisheries was necessitated by a crisis in the industry. Baltzo said it is the first such action ever taken by the Federal Government. The shutdown of all but a small segment of the fishing was ordered Monday by Service Director Albert H. Day, now in Alaska.

Baltzo said virtually all Alaskan canneries, traps, seine boats and gill nets will remain idle this week. If a late run of salmon develops, the fishing season may be extended a few days beyond the Sept. 3 deadline to make up for the current week's loss.

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The current shutdown involves chiefly the lucrative pink salmon pack of southeastern Alaska. The pink salmon season, which used to start as early as June, began August 9 this year.

Last year the pack was at an all-time low of \$88,000,000. The decline in production has been accompanied by a price increase that long ago took salmon out of the cheap-enough-for-cat-food class.

"Basically it's a case of over-fishing—too much of all kinds of gear," said Baltzo.

"It takes big one to produce little ones—and it's the big ones that are being killed."

Baltzo, who arrived this week from Alaska, said the sockeye or red salmon fishery, which has also been declining, was better than expected and about the same as last year. The sockeye catch, an early-season industry located largely to the west of the pink salmon areas, in Bristol Bay and Cook Inlet, probably will outweigh the pink salmon catch this year, as it did last.

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By Jo Fischer



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Paul A. and Lora Levings have filed suit in circuit court against Meriel L. and J. E. Witzel and Charles R. Miller, alleging they had leased the Witzel property with option to buy, but that upon giving notice Feb. 1, 1948, of intention to purchase the land, Witzel had refused to convey the property. Further, the plaintiffs allege, to the best of their know-

ledge the property has been conveyed to Miller.

The plaintiffs state they have improved the property to the extent of \$2000 and offer a tender in court of \$180 as the balance of the option money. The property affected is described as located in section 30, township 21 south, range 4 west, Willamette Meridian, and a portion lying on the northeast side of the Anlauf county road and consisting of one-third acre in Douglas County.

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