

Scarcity of Shrimp Add To Tension Between American, Mexican Fishermen

Brownsville, Tex. — (UPI) — It's hard to make much money as a commercial shrimp fisherman these days—life shrimp are getting scarce. This is why growing tension between the United States and Mexico which has led to shooting on the high seas.

Salty trawler captains on the docks of Brownsville and near Port Isabel, Tex., will tell you of the good old days when a man could make \$15,000 a year sailing out into the northern Gulf of Mexico and coming back with boatloads of fresh brown shrimp.

Morgan City, La., was the major base of operations then. But Louisiana shrimp got small and scarce, and fishermen migrated here, starting about 12 years ago. There are about 50 boats based at Brownsville and Port Isabel, averaging 60 feet in length and carrying a crew of three to seven men.

Several years ago the shrimp-ers started having trouble with Mexico. The situation has become progressively worse, culminating in Monday night's chase in which a Mexican gunner shot and seriously wounded Capt. Tom Wilson of Brownsville, skipper of the Pescador, after a three-hour chase in the gulf.

Brownsville captains and boat owners are demanding more protection from the U. S. Coast Guard. At a mass meeting Tuesday night they protested the shooting incident and threatened to arm their boats.

At Tampico, Mexico, more than 100 miles south of here, Mexican shrimpers made the same threats and accused U.S. trawlers of "piracy"—that is, fishing in Mexican territorial waters.

Hinges on Three Factors
Fishing is a gamble, at best, for Texas shrimpers. Besides the fact that there aren't as many shrimp as there used to be in the northern gulf, the dispute with Mexico hinges on these factors:

1. The best place for shrimp is in shallow water near the shore.
2. Mexico claims its territorial waters extend nine nautical miles, equivalent to nearly 13 land miles, from the coast.
3. American captains admit they sometimes drop their big nets near this limit, but say they have never crossed the imaginary line. They said the line should be three miles, the generally

recognized international territorial limit.
In the past four months, according to Bascom Cox, lawyer for the Texas Shrimp Fishermen's association, about 40 trawler captains have been stopped by Mexican gunboats near Tampico.

Same Procedure Followed
Cox said the same procedure has been followed in each incident. The captains have been forced to sign either blank pieces of paper or statements admitting they were inside Mexican territorial waters. Often their catches have been confiscated.

As shrimp have migrated south, Texas shrimpers have been forced to travel further and further from home to get them.
Capt. Albert Dalsey, whose shrimp boat was in the same vicinity as Wilson's at the time of the shooting, got home Tuesday night and said:

"I'm sure glad to get out of that mess. They'll never get me to sign one of those blank pieces of paper. Those gunboat crewmen have never boarded my boat and they never will if I can help it."

Recommendations for Zoning in Southeast Medford Accepted

The Medford planning commission last night accepted five recommendations from a citizen's committee for zoning southeast Medford with two exceptions.

The citizen's committee held a meeting to consider requests for rezoning the southeast Medford area yesterday afternoon prior to the planning commission meeting.

A recommendation of the citizen's committee was accepted by the commission of a request from the Rogue Valley Land company, 704 West Sixth st., to zone the area south of Barnett rd. to the irrigation canal lying between Murphy rd. and Black Oak drive from class IA (single family) to class IIA (limited commercial).

Request Revised
The request was revised to make 500 feet of the area west from Murphy rd. between Barnett rd. and the irrigation canal as a class II (multiple family). The company presented an architect's drawing of the proposed development in the area. Robert McIntyre, one of the incorporators of the company, pointed out it was a long range plan.

The other exception to the company's request was that 75 feet of its property bordering the south side of Barnett rd. be rezoned from class IA (single family) to class VII (parking area), instead of class IIA (limited commercial).

The commission will hold a public hearing on rezoning the property at a special meeting at 5 p.m. next Tuesday.

Other Recommendations
Other recommendations accepted included a request from Rogue Valley Manor that its property be rezoned from class IA (single family) to class II (multiple family).

A request from Rogue Valley Memorial hospital that the hospital area be rezoned from class IA (single family) to class II (multiple family) was accepted.

The commission accepted a request from George W. Fields for rezoning in Mont Crest subdivision one. The request was for the area lying between Barnett rd. on the north and the irrigation canal on the south, Murphy rd. on the west and the city limits on the east be changed from class IA (single family) to class II (multiple family).

The matter of zoning the intersection at Ellendale dr. and Barnett rd. was deferred pending determination of the location of the proposed Highway 99 freeway.

Members of the commission pointed out that present zoning ordinances are too "broad" in definition and that a zone should be established for "dwelling purposes" only. City Manager Robert Duff said the present zoning ordinance was "a little antiquated" and could be revised with possibly two public hearings.

Logging Congress Elects Officers At Final Session
San Francisco — (UPI) — The Pacific Logging Congress wound up a three-day meeting today, with adoption of resolutions and a discussion between newsmen and industry representatives highlighting the final day's program.

L. T. Murray Jr., of the West Fork Timber Company of Tacoma, Wash., was elected president Tuesday. He succeeds Herbert W. McMahon of Anderson, Calif.

Nils Hult of the Hult Lumber Company, Junction City, Ore., was named vice president. Officers reelected were Treasurer Robert F. Dwyer of Portland; Secretary Carey A. Woolley of Portland; and A. Whisnant, Portland, secretary of the management committee.

Warned To Take Lead
At Tuesday's meetings, several speakers stressed the importance of good highways and roads to the logging industry.

Gordon A. MacGregor, president of MacGregor Triangle Company of Boise, Ida., warned loggers to take the lead in forcing an improvement of new highway designs for the future so that "realistic loads" for years can be carried.

If the industry fails to do this, he said, it will "pay through the nose, for years to come."

Henry J. Vaux, dean of the University of California Forestry School, said roads hold the key to the timber supply of the Western United States for the next 10 to 20 years.

Vaux said California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho have a backlog of about 850 billion board feet of old-growth timber, "much of which is untapped by roads." He said it is vital for public and private interests that this timber "be made accessible promptly and in an orderly and well planned fashion."

C. M. Bryden of the Roseburg Lumber Company, Roseburg, Ore., said hauling logs on the public highways by weight instead of by board feet is a practice that offers several advantages and may spread.

4-H Club News

Antelope 4-H Clubs
The Antelope 4-H clubs held their annual supper and award night at the Eagle Point Grange hall, Nov. 10. During a business meeting which followed the supper, officers for the coming year were elected. They are president, Dave Woolfolk; vice president, Bill Hubbard; secretary, JoAnna Malloroy; treasurer, Darrell Stanley; and reporter, Diana Gardner.

Several new members joined the Dairy club. They are Mary Ann Gardner, Donna Geren and Bobby Hubbard. New members in the Beef club are Mike Reed, Florence Woolfolk, and Sandy Bayless.

Gene McCurley and Allen Ames of the First National bank, and Glen Klein of the county 4-H office presented special awards and achievement pins.

Pins for completing one year of 4-H club work were presented to Errol Coffman, Nancy Ousterhout, Teresa Pruitt, Phyllis and Carol Jaffrey, Kathleen Bianca, Judy Hill, Donna Geren, Beverly Ann and Elden Little, Marvin Little, Ricky Anderson, Christine Bartel and Ricky Meyers.

Second year pins went to

Greeters Committee To Meet at Fire Hall

The Greeters committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow at the main fire hall in Medford, according to Russ Jamison, chairman.

The annual meeting of the committee with firemen is intended to focus attention on the toy project of firemen and the Lady Lions. The earlier meeting time was set to give those attending an opportunity to tour facilities where toys are repaired and painted.

Coffee and doughnuts will be furnished by firemen and contributions by members for the usual expense will be turned over to the United Medford Crusade.

OREGON DEMOCRATS
Portland — (UPI) — Oregon Democrats will hold a "victory dinner" in Salem Dec. 1 to celebrate their victory in last week's general election. State Chairman Robert Royer said today.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Mike Higday, Donald Clark and Steve Geren. Third year pins were awarded Judy Bradshaw, Georgia Hubbard, Tommy Perdue, Karen Jossy, Ronnie Anderson, Marlene Coffman, and Charlotte Bush.

Fourth year pins went to Alice Woolfolk, Jim Burg and Donald Higday. Five-year pins were awarded Larry Meyers, Vernon Harper, Bill Hubbard and JoAnna Malloroy. Six-year pins went to Diana and Arthur Gardner, Sharon Coffman, Fred Jossy, Dave Woolfolk and Betty Ann Higday. For seven years, Nyla Murray. For eight years, Ken and Ray Bitterling, and Lucy Gardner.

Nine-year pin went to Bob Hayes, and for 10 years of 4-H club work, Linda Malloroy and Don Bradshaw received a necklace and the clasp respectively.

A special award for food preparation was presented to JoAnna

Malloroy. Bob Hayes and Bill Hubbard each received a medal for achievement in dairy. For his all-around boy's agricultural program Dave Woolfolk received an award.

Ken Bitterling and Linda Malloroy received awards for leadership in 4-H. For her achievements in the frozen foods division Linda Malloroy received

a medal and will be a delegate from Oregon to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. A silver thimble was presented to Lonna Geren for outstanding work in the clothing club.

Dr. G. Brant Bartel showed several films after the business meeting.

Diana Gardner, Reporter.

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