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**IN THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
(BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WINGHAM)**

Surrey, B.C.
November 25, 2010

REGINA

v.

**JOHN MARTIN CUMMINS et al
and
DALE WILLIAM ARMSTRONG et al**

**PROCEEDINGS AT
SENTENCING SUBMISSIONS**

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Appearing on his own behalf:

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NORMAN TRITES

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THE ACCUSED NORMAN TRITES: Norm Trites is my name. I've been fishing --

THE COURT: Mr. Trites.

THE ACCUSED NORMAN TRITES: -- for 42 years, since I was 18 years old.

It seems to me that the Crown would like to see some kind of a fine, and I believe we've already been fined, because when we first started that protest fishery, we had a plan and the plan was to put the fish on a small packer in Steveston and hopefully distribute them to some needy families and old-age home around Steveston, and get rid of the fish.

Well, we ended up with about 900 fish, more than we anticipated. Well, the Fisheries came along and seized those fish, and the way I looked at it, in those days, around '91, there was about a three to --

THE COURT: 2001?

THE ACCUSED NORMAN TRITES: Pardon me?

THE COURT: 2001?

THE ACCUSED NORMAN TRITES: Or 2 -- yeah, I'm sorry.

THE COURT: Yes, all right.

THE ACCUSED NORMAN TRITES: I'm a few years behind.

THE COURT: That's okay. We'll make sure we're --

THE ACCUSED NORMAN TRITES: But anyways, it was about \$3 a pound then, so those fish were about \$15,000 worth of product that was taken, and even though we weren't going to make any money off it, that's the value the Fisheries would have put on it.

I believe they're already paid, and that's -- and the Crown has already received that money and for the 40-something people here, you divide that up and that's a pretty hefty fine, I think, as it is. And that's just from the people around Steveston area that put those fish on that packer.

We were trying to do something good out of it with the fish, and anyways, it didn't work out. They took it. So -- yeah, that's all I've got to say on that.

THE COURT: All right, thank you, sir. Is there anyone else?