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July 27, 1964

Ronald W. Green, Commissioner

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Frank B. Hancock, Attorney General

Attorney General

Sardine Tax

In answer to your request for an opinion on the letter of H. B. Pike, dated July 17, 1964, a copy of which is attached to your memorandum of July 26, 1964, I advise that in my opinion and with the information available from the State Tax Assessor at this date it is not mandatory that you revoke the Wholesale Seafood Dealer's and Processor's License issued to the Stinson Canning Company, Prospect Harbor, as provided in section 266 of Chapter 16.

Mr. Pike's letter is in error about the Stinson Canning Company not paying the tax on all future packs. Mr. Stinson is reporting and paying the tax on all of his canning corporations including the Stinson Canning Company of Prospect Harbor except the month of June pack.

You may advise Mr. Pike that the enforcement provisions of the Sardine Tax Law will be carried on as usual.

I also have a letter from E. L. Newdick, Commissioner of Agriculture, dated July 21, 1964, asking the same question in regard to the provisions of section 266, Chapter 16, R. S., and I am of the opinion that his position is the same as your own, and I am sending him a copy of this memorandum.

RWG