

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

Cumberland, ss:

Portland, July 6, 1938

AFFIDAVIT of Loy Blaisdell

I, Loy Blaisdell, of Portland in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, on oath depose and say:

That during the operation of the Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc., a Maine corporation with a place of business on Custom House Wharf in the City of Portland, County of Cumberland and State of Maine, I was employed by Griggs-Turner Co. Inc, a Maine corporation, engaged in the trucking and transportation business, as a truck driver.

That I was assigned for a considerable time the duty of driving a truck from Portland to Eastport in collecting fish on the return trip for the Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc.

That on many and numerous occasions the entire load which I brought in for the Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc. was delivered to the Portland Fish Company at 46 Custom House Wharf and no part of which was ever delivered by me to the Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc., whose place of business was exactly across the wharf.

That I know and have full knowledge of the fact that haddock and other fish was purchased by the Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc. from the fishermen along the Coast of Maine which was transported by the Griggs-Turner Co. Inc. on a truck which I drove which cost from six to thirteen cents a pound, which was delivered to the Portland Fish Company and the Portland Fish Company swapped a cheaper grade of fish for it, such as pollock, cod and fish which was selling on the market for fifty cents a hundred and less.

That I have seen the employees of the Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc. dressing fish to be used for canning purposes to be distributed to the poor people of Maine which was stale, old, smelt and had very foul odors.

That during my trips down the Coast I learned that many poor people of Maine had been made violently sick by the cheap grade of fish substituted by the Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc. in place of the high grade fish from the Maine fishermen.

That there was another truck driver who alternated on the same route with me by the name of Cook, whose first name I do not now recall, who likewise has information and knowledge concerning these facts.

That the fish which I brought from Eastport and other points in Maine which was delivered to the Portland Fish Company, was delivered there at the express direction of Rufus H. Stone, who was in charge of the Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc.

*20* Rufus H. Stone also directed me to call George Ratcliffe from Ellsworth, Maine and tell him the amount of Haddock I had picked up along the coast. In nearly every instance the "Haddock" was delivered to Portland Fish Co. and not to Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc.

*Loy B. Blaisdell*

That I will gladly appear before the Legislative Committee,  
or any judicial body, and testify to the facts recited in this  
affidavit.

Loy B. Blaisdell

STATE OF MAINE  
Cumberland, ss:

Portland, Maine, July 8, 1938

Personally appeared the above named Loy Blaisdell  
and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements by him  
subscribed.

Before me,

John E. Willey  
Notary Public  
Justice of the Peace