

C. S.

WHALING & SEALING
(Sealing)
(Miscellaneous)

No. 21/45.

19 45

Mr. W. J. Hutchinson

SUBJECT.

19 45

27th February.

Edmund Seal
MAKES APPLICATION FOR A SEALING LICENCE.

Previous Paper.

110/44; 139/37.

MINUTES.

Letter from Mr. W. J. Hutchinson of 27. 2. 45.

(2).

*G.W. May I have your observations on this please
before the legal point of view as well? Clearly
S.5 of Ord 8/21 (1921 Gaz. P114) is a statutory
provision over-riding common-law rights. Vide
also (51) on 250/33. If a licence is granted
what should be the conditions? We could
discuss when you are ready.*

*WB
2-3-45*

(4)

H.C.S.,
From the point of
seal herd I can see no

- (1) Only full
- (2) 10 per c
- (3) No female
females
- (4) A full

Subsequent Paper.

Fee pay
per season f

They produced about 122 tons, as Mr. Hutchinson may make only 12 tons or perhaps less I think a fee of £2 would be adequate.

? Duty would be payable at the standard rate.

I think that, Mr. Hutchinson might be encouraged to expect subsequent licences if this experiment is reasonably successful.

No sealing can be done anywhere in the Colony without a licence but here there would be no question of the landowner objecting.

I have examined the correspondence, which is in the attached papers, referring to exclusive and renewable annual licences for the Sealing Co. to cover 7 years. Such licenses were never issued and in effect the Sealing Co. and the F.I.C. turned them down sine die.

A summary herein at Red (3).

Whale oil is £30 per ton. (Fide S. Georgia reports).

J. B. Hamilton
Government Naturalist.

See howl? use of course Mr. Hutchinson's freehold.

(5)

Y.F.

I have discussed this with Messrs. F.I.C. He says that the Sealing Coy. could not operate without the consent of the F.I.C. who are their chief creditors. Whatever the position is about the monopoly - and I think it was offered but not accepted or never explicitly conferred -

Mr. Roberts says that no objection is likely to be forthcoming from the Sealing Company for this season at any rate. Personally I do not think any subsequent objection would carry weight either. Mr. Hutchinson would undoubtedly refuse to allow the Coy. to have seals from his island, if they made trouble. I therefore recommend that we proceed as advised by the G.N.

2. In these new circumstances Rowe's application to hunt sea-lions on 11/24 becomes pertinent again.

I agree with the G.N. that he should be called for further particulars.

RB
8/3/45

(6)

Just what precisely he wishes

is far more difficult. You
day we have no effective

G.F. (7)
I am writing to Rowe accordingly. Do you
approve of the above proposal? I submit a
draft letter to Hutchinson.

Wait until you hear from R.

A.D. 10/3/45

(9)

G.F.

As Rowe is not interested (see (6) on 11/10/44), I
recommend that we proceed - see para 1 of (8).

K.B.
28.3.45

(10)
Pl. go ahead.

A.D. 3/11/45

11. Letter to W. F. Hutchinson, Esq. of 4/4/45.

12. " from " " " " 22. 4. 45.

(13)

G.N.

I should be grateful if you would draft
the licence.

K.B.
30/4/45

A.S. 14.
Please. J.P.W.
1-V-45

16. Letter to W. F. Hutchinson, Esq. of 4. 5. 45.

(17)

G.E.

Draft despatch submitted.

K.B.
5/1/45

Despatch, No. 38 to S. of S. of 12. 5. 45.

18.

Telegram No. 213 from S. of S. of 19. 7. 45

19.

(20).

G.E.

I saw Hutchinson & he agrees. F.C.
will handle the business & we need
not come into it any more. We may
as well tell London this?

K.B.
24/7/45

(21)
A.W.
24/iii/45

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|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Letter from | Mrs. W.J. Hutchinson of | 28. 9. 48 | 23. |
| " to | " " " " | 1. 10. 45 | 24 |
| " from | " " " " | 5. 3. 46 | 25 ^{PA} 24 |
| " " " " | " " " " | " " " | 26 25 |

(21)

G.H.

(i) To see red (25)

(ii) For your recommendations on (26) pl.

(28) ^{A.W.}
7/3/46

H.C.

(i) This is all quite straightforward and the
output quite reasonable.

(ii) Yes, same conditions as Red (16a) but
with increased fee, pro rata.

^{A.W.}
8-iii-46

(29)

G.E. I submit red (25) for G.E.'s information, pl.

^{A.W.}
9/iii/46

^{A.W.}
8/3/46

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| 30 | Letter to Mr. W. J. Hutchinson | of | 18. 3. 46. Pa. |
| 31 | " from - - - | - | 10. 3. 47 |
| 32 | - - - - - | - | 12. 3. 47 |

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G.N.

31, 32

for your remarks, Pl.

A.B.S.
21.3

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H.S.

As for 31, certainly Mr. H. should have his licence. Previous licence fees have been at the rate of £4 per 100 seals so that this 50 calls for £2. cf. Red (16a). ? In the covering letter Mr. H. might be asked to see that his men do not disturb breeding seal or pups in any way.

2. The reduction in number is due to Mr. H's belief that he will not be able to handle more, as she has told me.

3. The 1751 gallons = 43.8 (43.77) standard barrels of 40 ga. ea and gives an average of 51.5 ga. per seal = ^(1.3) 1.287 bls. This figure is not so good as one would expect for S. Georgia but it does not suggest that there has been any waste. It is my present opinion that the F.I. seals are not so productive as the S.G. ? Because they are younger, i.e. have not reached their maximum size. J.E.H. G.N. 24-iii-47.

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31 Appd. - as a x } 34
 32 Cmk. A.B.S.
 24.3

Letter to Mr. W. J. Hutchinson of 21. 3. 47. 36.

Memo. from Gov. Naturalist of 9. 8. 47 37

" " " " " " 38

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YE.

Will be glad to see (38). The samples of oil
as with YE. who is to see W. H. at
revenue.

ABE
"S

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After the mail has gone.

MC 11/viii

for 268 ABE
23.5

I will arrange for
a comment line
I will arrange for

OS

41

I spoke with Mr. Hutchinson; he has had a good
season and his venture is one which should be encouraged.
I told him that when the MFV arrived I wd. arrange a
trip to the S. Seakiam (see 36a) where he thinks there may
be a considerable "elephant" population.

He enquired also about some land at Sparrow Cove
over which he had been in communication with Govt.
just prior to the war; have we any correspondence about this?

I told him - since he was certain to hear in any case -
that Salvosons had put in for a whaling/sealing licence
but added that we had stipulated for protection of small
local ventures such as his own.

He was illuminating on the subject of the old Sealing
Company.

MC 27/viii

for 111
6.21
207

Extracted to
19/38
Mr. Hutchinson app. 19/38
Base part of Sparrow Cove
revenue.

42.

D: Hamich
S. N.
Majistat.

41 et x/ with 19/38

In your remarks, be.

ABC
28.3

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Further action on 19/38 - Mr. Hutchinson
Applies for Leave of Absence to be renewed

J
25.9

44

Extensive appd. + 75
elements in all.

ABC
25.8

45.

S.M.

Grateful you recd attached draft
letter to Mr. S.

J.S.

S.S.

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ackly. J.E.H.S.V.

26-ix.

letter to W. J. Hutchinson, Esq of 29. 9. 47

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PA ABC
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Post Stanley.
Feb 27th 1945

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Stanley!
Sir

I have the honour to request that the Government will furnish me with particulars regarding a licence to kill ⁵⁰ sea elephants on my own land. (The Sea Lion Islands) in the months of Sept. Oct. & Nov. of this year.

On the event of the terms of the licence and price of oil being suitable I propose applying for a licence as an experiment for this year.

If it proves a success I trust I will be granted a licence from year to year.

I also trust you will pardon me for asking if it will be possible for the Government, to find out for me the present price of Seal Oil and is Seal Oil under Government control.

I have the honour to be Sir
Your Humble Servant.
W. J. Hutchinson.

Ack. by form letter 2/3/45.

Discussion of long term monopoly of sealing. (3)

- M.P. 139/37. Red. 54 Sealing Co. asked for seven year monopoly for sealing and whaling for 1938 to 1944. 16th Dec. 1937.
- 56 Submitted to S. of S. 17.12.37.
- 96 S.O.S. no objection to grant of an exclusive licence renewable annually until 1944. It would not be granted without proof that adequate capital was forthcoming. *cc.*
- 98 Terms to Sealing Co. and copy to Falkland Islands Company.
- 102 Sealing Co. replied that there was no immediate prospect of being able to take advantages of the licences promised (infact, proposed) 13.x.38.
- 104 Young advised F.I.C. Board to withdraw their interest until and unless whole position vis a vis Government was clarified. 22.xii.38.
- (In 1937 Young had written that the F.I.C. would be prepared to take an active part in the reorganisation of the Sealing Co. and asked about a ten year licence. 75/35. Red 214.)
- There followed some argument between the Government and the F.I.C.
- 117 Young was informed, that in view of 104 u.s. "it appears that your Company has no serious intention of undertaking development of the sealing industry." 22.iv.39.
- 169 Young wrote that when the S.O.S. had given a ruling as to licences for Lafonia the Board would be able to reconsider the matter of sealing in Lafonia and reorganisation of Sealing Co. 28.vii.39.
- 250/33 50-51 S.O.S. The Company is bound by the sealing ordinance. It has no rights to seal in virtue of the Crown Grant. 23.viii.39. In fact the F.I.C's position differs in no way from that of any other landowner.

*gld.
8.11.
7-iii-45*

139/37 150-1 An ordinary licence was issued for period June 1 - Oct. 31, 1939. It contained no promise of renewal and was used for that reason

21/45.

Copy to Govt. Nat. & O.I.C., Treasury for inf.

11

4th April,

45.

Sir,

Read!

With reference to your letter of 27th February, His Excellency is prepared to issue you with a licence to kill seal elephant on the Sea Lion Islands between now and the end of November next. Such a licence would cost \$2 and would be granted on the following conditions :-

- (1) only full grown bulls to be killed;
- (2) 10 of such bulls to be left unmolested and also all females, pups or immature animals;
- (3) a full report of operations to be submitted at the end of the season;
- (4) Export duty to be paid at the rate of 1/6 per barrel of 40 gallons.

2. It is understood that the price of oil is about \$50 per ton. It is possible that your whole output would be bought by the Ministry of Supply and enquiries would be made on your behalf should you take out a licence.

3. I should be glad to know whether you wish a licence to be issued on the above terms.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. J. HUTCHINSON, ESQ.,
STANLEY.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.



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Port Stanley
April 22nd 1945

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Sir.

Red:11

With reference to your letter of April 4th Ref No. 21/45. I have the honour to request that you will issue me with a licence to kill Sea Elephants on the Sea Lion Islands, on the conditions stated in your letter.

I am Sir

Yours Obedient Servant.

W. J. Hutchinson

FARLAND ISLANDS.No. 28.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

ST. JAMES,

12th May, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a Sealing Licence which I have issued under Section 5 of the Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921, to Mr. W. J. Hutchinson, for the killing of elephant seals on his own property, the sea Lion Islands.

2. Mr. Hutchinson has asked me to enquire whether the Ministry of Supply wishes to purchase his output of oil, estimated at fifteen tons for the season and, if so, what price would be given and how delivery should be effected.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

RIGHT HONOURABLE

C. F. G. STANLEY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

SEALING LICENCE.

- date (15)

Under the provisions of Section 5 of the Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921 a licence subject to the conditions set forth below is hereby granted to

MR. WILLIAM JOHN HUTCHINSON

to take ELEPHANT SEALS on the SEA LION ISLANDS, EAST FALKLAND.

CONDITIONS.

1. This licence is valid from the date of issue and expires on December 1st 1945.
2. Not more than 50 Elephant Seal may be killed.
3. Only adult males (bulls) may be killed.
4. At least ten per cent of the adult males shall be left alive.
5. Immature males, females, and pups shall not be molested.
6. Killing shall be done in a speedy and humane manner.
7. There shall be no waste in the utilization of the seal
8. At the end of operations a report shall be made to the Colonial Secretary and shall include a return of the number of seals killed and of the oil production in gallons as well as of the total number of Elephant Seals seen with details of sex and age so far as these can be ascertained and of the effects of the killings on the survivors.
9. Export duty shall be paid at the rate of one shilling and sixpence per forty gallons of oil produced.
10. The issue of this licence is subject to the prepayment of a fee of two pounds (£2).
11. This licence is not transferable.

Colonial Secretary

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K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

Treasury,
Copy for your information.

21/45.

16

4th May, 1945

Sir,

Red 12.

With reference to your letter of the 22nd April, I have the honour to enclose the Sealing Licence asked for and should be grateful if you would remit the £2 fee to the Treasury.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Hutchinson, Esq.,
STANLEY.

DECODE.

(19)

TELEGRAM.

No. 52.

M.P. No. 21/45.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 19th July, 1945. *Time* : 1918.

Received : 20th July, 1945. *Time* : 1000.

Recd 18.

No. 213. Your Despatch No. 38. Seal Oil.

Ministry of Food prepared to buy Hutchinson's output at £44 per ton cost and freight United Kingdom naked. They suggest containers should be taken over by them on arrival at fair valuation.

Portman Coal
Portman Squan
Co. 1
Foodkeeper hands

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

M.P. No. 21/45.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 25th July, 19 45. *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

Recd 19

No. 200. Your Telegram No. 213. Seal Oil. Hutchinson agrees
and will export through Falkland Islands Company.

GUVNE.

G.T.C.



Port Stanley
Sept 28th 1945

J. E. Hamilton Esq
Sir

During to not being able to get landed on the sea Lion Island when I expected I trust you can arrange for me to carry on killing sea elephants until 15th (fifteenth of Dec.) if I have not got the quantity (50) which I am allowed to kill up till Nov. 30th.

I also take the liberty of asking to be permitted to kill two (2) old sea lions and two (2) young ^{also two (2) leopard.} cubs for their skins to send to Port Stanley for a sample. In the event of these skins bringing a fair price I will try and start a business with seal skins from the Falklands.

I am Sir
Your humble servant
H. J. Robinson

H. C. S.

I am in favour of the extension of the elephant licence and of the experimental collection of skins as asked for.

J. E. Hamilton
28-IX-45

21/45.

Copy to Government Naturalist.

(24)

1st October, 45.

Sir,

Red 23 With reference to your letter of the 28th September, addressed to Dr. Hamilton, I have the honour to inform you that your Licence dated 3rd May, 1945, has been extended until the 15th December, 1945.

2. Permission is also granted for you to kill two old sealions, two young sealions ^{bulls} and two leopard seals for experimental purposes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Hutchinson, Esq.,
STANLEY.



21/48

Post Stanley
March 5th 1946.

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Killing of Elephant Seals on Sea Lion Islands 1945

The Honourable Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

Dear Sir

Operations began on 19th of November and were concluded on the 10th of Dec. Between Nov 19th and 28th 16 were killed and 8 more on Dec 5th. The total being 24 seals.

Only large males were killed none of them less than 14 ft.

Three of particularly large size were measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the real tail not the hind flippers.

They were 16'6" 14'3" and 18'0" in length. Killing presented no difficulty, we seldom used more than one shot and no seal was lost.

Every effort was made to keep the beaches as clean as possible by rolling the flensed carcasses into the sea where they always sank.

The try works can cook the blubber of two large animals at a time and are being improved by the addition of another settling tank of 120 gallons capacity.
over

● The 24 elephants produced 1452 gallons of oil or 36 1/2 barrels, just over 6 tons, average production being almost exactly 1.6 barrels per seal. The largest number of elephants seen in one group was 160, but there were over 600 on the beaches at one time. No newly born pups were seen.

I am Sir,
 Your Obedient Servant
 W. J. Hutchinson.



Port Stanley.
March 5th 1946.

(26)

The Honourable Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

Dear Sir

I have the honour to request that I will be granted a licence to kill 100 seal elephants on the Sea Lion Islands for trying out for oil, from the 1st of April until the 30th of November 1946.

Yours Sir

Your Humble Servant
W. J. Hutchinson

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY,
18th March, 1946.

SEALING LICENCE.

Under the provisions of Section 5 of the Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921, a licence subject to the conditions set forth below is hereby granted to

MR. WILLIAM JOHN HUTCHINSON

to take ELEPHANT SEALS on the SEA LION ISLANDS, EAST FAULKLAND.

CONDITIONS.

1. This licence is valid from the 1st April, 1946 and will expire on 1st December, 1946.
2. Not more than 100 Elephant Seal may be killed.
3. Only adult males (bulls) may be killed.
4. At least ten per cent of the adult males shall be left alive.
5. Immature males, females, and pups shall not be molested.
6. Killing shall be done in a speedy and humane manner.
7. There shall be no waste in the utilization of the seal.
8. At the end of the operations a report shall be made to the Colonial Secretary and shall include a return of the number of seals killed and of the oil production in gallons as well as of the total number of Elephant Seals seen with details of sex, and age so far as these can be ascertained and of the effects of the killings on the survivors.
9. The issue of this licence is subject to the prepayment of a fee of four pounds (£4).
10. Export Duty shall be paid at the rate of one shilling and sixpence per forty gallons of oil produced.
11. This licence is not transferable.

(Sd.) L. W. ALDRIDGE
for Colonial Secretary.

21/45.

18th March,

46.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 5th of March, 1946, I have the honour to enclose the Sealing Licence requested and should be grateful if you would pay the licence fee of £4 to the Treasury.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd) L. W. ALDRIDGE
for Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Hutchinson, Esq.,
STANLEY.

21/45



Port Stanley
March 10th 1947

The Honourable Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley.

Sir

I have the honour
to request that I will be granted a permit
to kill 50 Seal Elephants on the Sea Lion Islands
for the year ending Dec. 31. 1947.

Yours truly
Your humble servant
W. J. Hutchinson

32.
Post Warley
March. 12th, 1947

Report on killing of Elephant seal on Sea Lion I. for the
year ending Nov. 30th 1946.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary
Post Warley
Sir

Operations started
on June 2nd until June 14th eight Elephants being
killed in that time. After that date Elephants left the
Island. When we arrived on the Island on the 7th of May
there were over 100 Elephants on the beaches, but owing
to sheep work etc we had no time to start killing
until 2nd of June.

Operations started again on the 22nd of October until the
end of Nov. Making a total amount of 34 seals killed from
June 2nd. That amount of seal produced 43³/₄ barrels or 1751
gallons. The whole consignment for 1945 & 1946 being shipped
to London last month. in 69.7 & 44. gallon drums and 3 x 45
gallon drums.

A fortnight after operations ceased there were over 90 large
elephants on the beaches again.

There were 2 baby elephants born on the island in 1946 there
were none in 1945.

I have never been on the Eastern Sea Lion I. but have been

told by men that have been there that there is 1200 or
more Elephants on that Island. I am also led to
believe that there is a breeding Rookery on that Island

I am Sir,

Your humble servant
W. J. Hutcheson

I.A. 25. 3. 47.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY,
25th March, 1947.

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11. This licence is not transferable.

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

21/45

36.

21st March, 1947.

Sir,

36. A. With reference to your letter of the 10th of March, 1947, I am directed by the Governor to enclose herewith the Sealing Licence requested, and should be grateful if you would pay the licence fee of 12 to the Treasury.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Hutchinson, Esq.,
STANLEY.

Vp.

37a

July 8th 1947
F. W. Stanley

J. E. Hamilton

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36^a My licence be extended till the 15th of December for the purpose of killing elephants, also that I will be allowed to kill 75 elephants instead of 50 as requested

I am Sir,

Your humble servant

W. J. Hutchinson

Reply at 47

37.

H.C.S.,

37a

I can see no objection to us in the present state of our elephant herd, i.e. mostly non-breeders.

J.W.D. 9-V. 9-viii



Post Stanley
Aug 6th 1947

J. E. Hamilton Esq.

Sir

I herewith make a report on the catch of land elephants on San Lion Island from 12th of June - 30th June.

There were 13 elephants killed which produced 94,444 gallon drums of oil. But owing to being late in landing on the island the elephants were beginning to leave. I also found that they were very fat this year.

There are quite a lot of young elephants at times hanging up on the beach. These elephants are from 5 - 8 ft high which leads me to believe that they are breeding on the coast of San Lion which I have never been on. There are only two cows that have their young on the island where we kill elephants, these two have their young on the south side near the west end of the island. A full report will be sent you after the end of the season.

I am Sir
Your humble servant
W. J. Hutchinson

H.C.

38a

This is creditable. 1056 gallons = 2.64
barrels per seal which is very high
indeed. Mr. B. told me that he had im-
proved his methods

2400 gal. 9 - VIII

21/45.

Copy to Government Naturalist for inf.
Two copies to O.i/c Treasury for inf.

47

29th September

47.

Sir,

37a

your 36a

With reference to your letter of 6th August, 1947, addressed to Dr. Hamilton, I am directed by the Governor to say that there is no objection to you killing 25 elephant seal in addition to the 50 which are covered by the licence issued to you on the 25th March making 75 in all and that ~~the~~ licence is hereby extended up to and to include the 15th of December, 1947.

2. It should be understood that this letter may not be regarded as a precedent for future years.

3. I am to add that the additional fee of £1 should be paid to the Treasury at your early convenience.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(SGD.) A. B. MATHEWS.

Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Hutchinson, Esq.,
STANLEY.

DRM.