

# Canadian Fish Vessel Seized

JUNEAU — A Canadian vessel has been seized and her captain arrested for allegedly fishing in Alaskan waters some 20 miles south of Hyder in the Portland Canal, Governor William A. Egan said.

He said Attorney General John E. Havelock's office asked the Superior Court in Ketchikan for a large fine plus confiscation and forfeiture of the \$20,000 vessel, all her gear and fish.

Vessel Captain Masato Nishi pleaded innocent to a charge under state statutes prohibiting certain alien activities and bail was set at \$10,000.

Superior Court Judge Hubert Gilbert ordered the vessel and all its gear to be held in state custody until the completion of legal proceedings.

Egan said Frank Sharp, district officer of the state fish and wildlife protection division, and three aides saw the vessel Karen West of Vancouver, B.C., early Monday morning approximately three-fourths of a mile inside the American border fishing without lights or gear markings.

The state officers had taken a ship into the area the preceding evening to investigate reports of Canadian fishing violations in the Toombstone Bay area, some two miles north of Breezy Point, the Governor said.

He said maneuvering by the state ship blocked an attempt of the Canadian vessel to flee with her nets still out, after which the captain obeyed orders to stop.

In making the seizure and escorting the ship to Ketchikan, the four protection officers went without sleep for 44 hours, Egan said.