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TITLE: Bering Sea Pictures, 1934

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2013.059

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1934

Extent: 32 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

According to John Branson's *The canneries, cabins, and caches of Bristol Bay*, the Diamond O cannery was in operation from 1901 to 1929. The Diamond M cannery was built in 1911 and packed its last salmon in 1941. Both canneries burned in 1985.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 32 black-and-white photographic prints of cannery personnel and activities at Alaska Packers Association canneries near Qinuyang (Naknek), Alaska. Two of the canneries have been identified by Melvin Monsen, Sr., as Diamond M and Diamond O on the Naknek River.

Arrangement: Original order maintained.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Purchased from eBay seller in July 2013.

Processing Note

Photos originally hinged into accordion portfolio. Items removed and portfolio discarded due to mold damage.

SUBJECTS

Alaska Packers Association
Salmon canning industry -- Alaska -- Bristol Bay Region
Canneries -- Alaska -- Bristol Bay Region
Salmon fisheries -- Alaska -- Bristol Bay
Bristol Bay Region (Alaska)
Qinuyang (Alaska)
Naknek (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – [fishing boat at dock covered in ice]
- .2 – [distant view of cannery from water]
- .3 – [bow of fishing boat]
- .4 – [crew men preparing Diamond M boats at dock, with cannery buildings in background]
- .5 – [two men in a Diamond M boat under sail]
- .6 – [view from boat bow with net line visible]
- .7 – [group of Diamond M boats with scow]
- .8 – [Diamond M boat under sail, with bluff in distance]
- .9 – [man in bow of boat]
- .10 – [distant view of sailboat fleet at sea]

- .11 – [view of boat bow filled with fish, pulled up next to scow with Diamond NN boat facing]
- .12 – [man in raincoat and hat in bow of boat holding two fish, net line visible in water]
- .13 – [view of shoreline from water, with boat anchored at right]
- .14 – [man in bow of boat holding up line, possibly getting ready to deploy net]
- .15 – [man in boat, drying blankets on boom]
- .16 – [distant view of sailboat fleet at sea]
- .17 – [man in raincoat and hat in bow with hold full of fish]
- .18 – [man in boat, with blankets on boom, not same man as .15]
- .19 – [distant view of fish scow]
- .20 – [sailboat resting on shore, nets spilling over side, with two sailboats and scow in distance]
- .21 – [Diamond M boats at dock]
- .22 – [Diamond O or Diamond M cannery seen from water. In 2024, identified as Diamond M cannery by Anna Hoover]
- .23 – [crewmen relaxing on boats, one playing an accordion]
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- .26 – [homestead or camp on shore near Qinuyang (Naknek), with cabin, outbuilding, fish drying rack]
- .27 – [distant view of buildings and boats on shoreline]
- .28 – [man playing accordion]
- .29 – [view from boat's pilothouse, photographer's shoe in foreground, two men in bow, view down river]
- .30 – [two men on tractor pulling wagon with four men aboard, "probably used on the road between NN and O and M," per Monsen]
- .31 – [four men in automobile, three men standing alongside, parked near equipment, possibly towable grader]
- .32 – [15 workers gathered for group portrait outside cannery building, with nets piled at left]

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