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Mr. Donald B. Powell,
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Englewood, Florida

Dear Mr. Powell:

In reply to your letter of July 14 inquiring about pound net catches of dogfish, I am sorry to say that I can give you very little direct information. Although many of the pound net fishermen report their catches daily they do not include catches of unsaleable fish. I am glad, however, to give you the names of a number of dealers and fishermen who can doubtless inform you as to the quantities and dates of maximum catch in their localities.—

Phoebus, Virginia:
   L. M. Newcomb, and
   Old Point Fish Company
   (These are both dealers who purchase fish from a number of pound net operators. It is possible that they could provide facilities for preserving dogfish).

Willis Wharf, Virginia:
   Ballard Brothers Fish Company, and
   J. C. Walker Bros.
   (These are pound net operators fishing a large number of pounds in the ocean off the outer coast of Virginia).

Belford, New Jersey:
   Albert Maxson. (Captain Maxson operates pound nets in Sandy Hook Bay)

Montauk, New York:
   N. T. Edwards. (Captain Edwards operates pound nets in Fort Pond Bay at the eastern end of Long Island)

It is possible that you could make arrangements to have dogfish shipped from Portsmouth, Virginia during the winter as a great many are taken by the winter trawl fishery. If you wish to look into the possibility further, I suggest that you
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communicate with Isaac Fass and Company, Portsmouth.

You may also wish to correspond with Mr. C. McL Gilbert, Jr., Biology Laboratory, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., who also is engaged in putting up biological supplies including dogfish.

Very truly yours,

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