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## PMM 45 JACOB PIKE Records

### **JACOB PIKE** (boat)

Papers, 1982-1999

1 box (.5 linear feet)

Sardine carrier based in Rockland, Maine

Mortgages, fishing log forms, legal notices, equipment manuals, and other financial and regulatory paperwork for the sardine carrier JACOB PIKE, generated while carrying sardines from fishing grounds in US and Canadian waters. Official paperwork makes up the bulk of the collection; a small notebook, undated, provides a fragmentary record of the JACOB PIKE's daily activities.

In English.

Museum Purchase; 2010; 2010.7

Finding aid available; folder level control

### Subject Headings:

JACOB PIKE (boat)

Port Clyde Canning Company (Rockland, Me.)

Atlantic herring fisheries

Atlantic herring fisheries--management

Fishery management

Fishing boats—electronic equipment

Sardine fisheries

Sardine industry

### **Acquisition:**

This collection was purchased by the Penobscot Marine Museum in 2010.

### **Restrictions:**

There are no restrictions on this collection, except where published materials may retain their original copyright.

### **Condition:**

The spiral notebook (folder 10) has a rusty binding and shows signs of dormant mold. There are some other unstable elements, like staples and carbon paper, left in their original places within the collection. Otherwise, the collection is in good condition.

### **Processing Notes:**

Organization of the collection reflects the order in which it was received.

### **Related Materials:**

These documents were purchased with a collection of charts used on the JACOB PIKE and several sardine-processing tools, which are all now in the collections of the Penobscot Marine Museum (2010.7). PMM also owns several photographs of the JACOB PIKE taken over the course of her career.

### **Historical Note:**

The JACOB PIKE is a wooden sardine carrier, built in Thomaston, Maine by Newbert & Wallace for the Holmes Packing Corporation's Rockland cannery in 1949. She spent most of

her career carrying sardines from American and Canadian fishing grounds to canneries along the Maine coast. In the late 1950s, she was purchased by Sardine Carriers, Inc., and based in Bath, Maine; she returned to the Holmes Corporations ownership by the early 1980s. In 1988, the JACOB PIKE was bought by the Port Clyde Canning Co. of Rockland, and continued to bring sardines to that port until the cannery closed in 1997.

With the sardine industry in decline, the JACOB PIKE found a new career in the booming lobster industry, carrying menhaden to be used for lobster bait. She was briefly owned by the Penobscot Marine Museum in 2007, before being returned to commercial use by J&J Lobster of Rockland. As of 2019, the JACOB PIKE was being refurbished by new owners in Boothbay, with the goal of returning the vessel to use as a bait carrier.

### **Scope and Content:**

This collection contains financial and regulatory paperwork for the sardine carrier JACOB PIKE dated between 1982 and 1999. The bulk consists of reporting forms, Canadian fisheries licenses and regulation letters, US Coast Guard documentation, and other official documents required for the sardine fishery. Much of this is blank, but shows some of the regulatory landscape of the multi-national herring fishery in the late twentieth century.

More specific to the JACOB PIKE, the collection also includes mortgage documents from the Holmes Packing Corp. and the Port Clyde Canning Company, and equipment manuals for radar, EPIRBs, and other electronic equipment. Finally, a small, undated notebook contains a brief rough log and fragmentary notes about some of the people and locations involved in the JACOB PIKE's daily business.

The collection also contains a roll of labels for Sea Lion Brand sardines, packed by the Seaboard Packing Company in Lubec, Maine.

### **Box and Folder List:**

Box	Folder
1	1 1982: Mortgage
	2 1985: Canadian license and transshipment log
	3 1988: Mortgage; herring reporting forms
	4 1991: US Coast Guard forms; Koden radar warranty book
	5 1992: Tax forms; clearance certificates; Canadian fisheries policy notice
	6 1993: US Coast Guard documentation
	7 1994: Canadian fisheries forms
	8 Port Clyde Canning Company, blank receipts; US Coast Guard Notice to Mariners
	9 Electronics manuals
	10 Notebook; Canadian herring fishery monitoring forms
	11 Labels, Sea Lion Brand Sardines