

Let's Go Fishing: An industrial film showing commercial salmon fishing and canning in BC from 1948.
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This black and white video shows a partial view of a worker and the gang knives machine. The worker's arm is visible as he places one fish in each rotating basket of the gang knives. The basket rotates on an endless chain.

Narrator: "Onto more escalator-like affairs goes each fish."

The video shows focuses on a set of fifteen rotating round blades. The basket moves up and through the blades. After the basket has passed the blades, it turns over. The sliced fish is visible in the basket. As the basket turns over, the fish steaks fall out.

Narrator: "These machines, known as the "Gang Knives", cut each fish in lengths, so that the pieces will fit perfectly into the can – such even slicing. And then, the pieces are delivered into a bin."