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1. In 1951 prior to the end of May, the Kwangtung provincial government, in order to organize fishermen into a militia, established the Kwangtung Island Administration and the Kwangtung Marine Produce Enterprise Company, and converted the former Marine Produce Bureau of the Agriculture and Forestry Department into the Marine Produce Office, which it placed under the Kwangtung Island Administration. It also issued an order to the six Special Administrative Inspector's Districts and the Hainan Military and Political Committee to organize fishermen's associations and fishermen's marketing cooperatives at various fishermen's centers to be placed under the Kwangtung Marine Produce Enterprise Company. The areas covered by the six Special Administrative Inspector's Districts are as follows: Central Kwangtung, Pearl River, Tungchiang (114-23), Ch'aoan-Swatow, Kaschou (110-53, 21-45)-Hienpai (111-21, 21-28), and Ch'insien (108-37, 21-56)-Hienchou (109-10, 21-38).
2. By the end of May over 150,000 fishermen at various places had been organized into militia. On 1 June, 30,000 able-bodied fishermen were drafted to form a maritime militia. Over 7,000² were being trained in the Central-Kwangtung Military Sub-District, the Pearl River Military Sub-District, and the Hainan Military and Political Committee's South Hainan (Military) Sub-District.
3. In March or April 1951 Communist authorities at Chungshan (113-36, 22-22) organized all fishermen in the coastal area into several units by districts. Those in Hsiangchou (113-32, 22-14) were organized into the Pearl River District, those in the Wanshan Islands area into the Chu Wan (珠湾) District, and those in the Wan Chih (湾仔) area into the Chu Wan (珠湾) District.
4. On 6 April LIU Hai-ting (劉海庭), a Communist official, called a meeting at Wan Chih of all fishermen in the Chu Wan District. During the meeting the following resolutions were approved:
 - a. The operator of each fishing boat will appoint a man to repair the Nan Ts'ui (南翠) highway. If the man selected for this work is unable to work, he may give five cattles of rice in place of labor.

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- b. Fishermen will not be permitted to sell fish at sea.
 - c. Fishermen may not use their boats for commercial shipments of food supplies.
 - d. Fishermen must join the Fishermen's Union.
5. On 7 April operators of fishing boats in the Wanshan Islands area held a meeting at Lung Hsueh (龍穴) in the Tungkuan-Paoan area. More than 1,000 attended. During the meeting Communist officials announced the regulations for the organization of fishing boats into units and also announced that there was the possibility that fishermen would participate in future military operations. Many fishermen were frightened by the latter announcement, and, after the meeting, most of the fishing boats left China for Hong Kong or Macao.
6. In about April, a Communist official, LI Jih-jung (李日榮), defected after failing to recruit 35 female fishermen for the Communist authorities.⁴

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[REDACTED] Comment. It is not clear whether these are from the 30,000 fishermen drafted for the maritime militia or from those to be formed into other militia units.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Possibly Wanshan District is intended.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The purpose for which they were being recruited was not stated, but possibly they were to assist the Communists with their organization work among fishermen.

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