

*Jolly waves with a bit of humor*

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An article in a newspaper. That's what it says:

> BOSTON (June 11) The federal agency that governs New England's  
> troubled fisheries is buried under more than 100 lawsuits - more than six  
> times the number pending just six years ago - and devoting more and more  
> of its resources to handling legal challenges.  
> To defend itself from the growing number of suits, the National Marine  
> Fisheries Service now dedicates 10 percent of its 2,500 staff members to  
> litigation. Etc., etc.  
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An old lawyer decided to take a fortnight fishing trip. He asked his son,  
himself a young lawyer, to take care of the office during his absence.

"And don't forget the Smith vs. Jones case" - said the father, while loading  
his tackle onto the station-wagon.

Two weeks passed, and the father returned. "Hi, pop, - says the son - All is  
OK, in perfect shape. I also successfully concluded the Smith vs. Jones to  
our client's highest satisfaction".

"You idiot - calls the old lawyer - who asked you to win that case? What you  
did, you closed a long-term source of income I'd nurtured for the last 10  
years! What do you think carried you through the University?".

A lesson to be taken: going fishing means risk taking.  
Another lesson: lawyers and fishing don't match well...  
And a third one: litigation is not necessarily a source of solutions, but  
it's always a source of income.

Cheer up,

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