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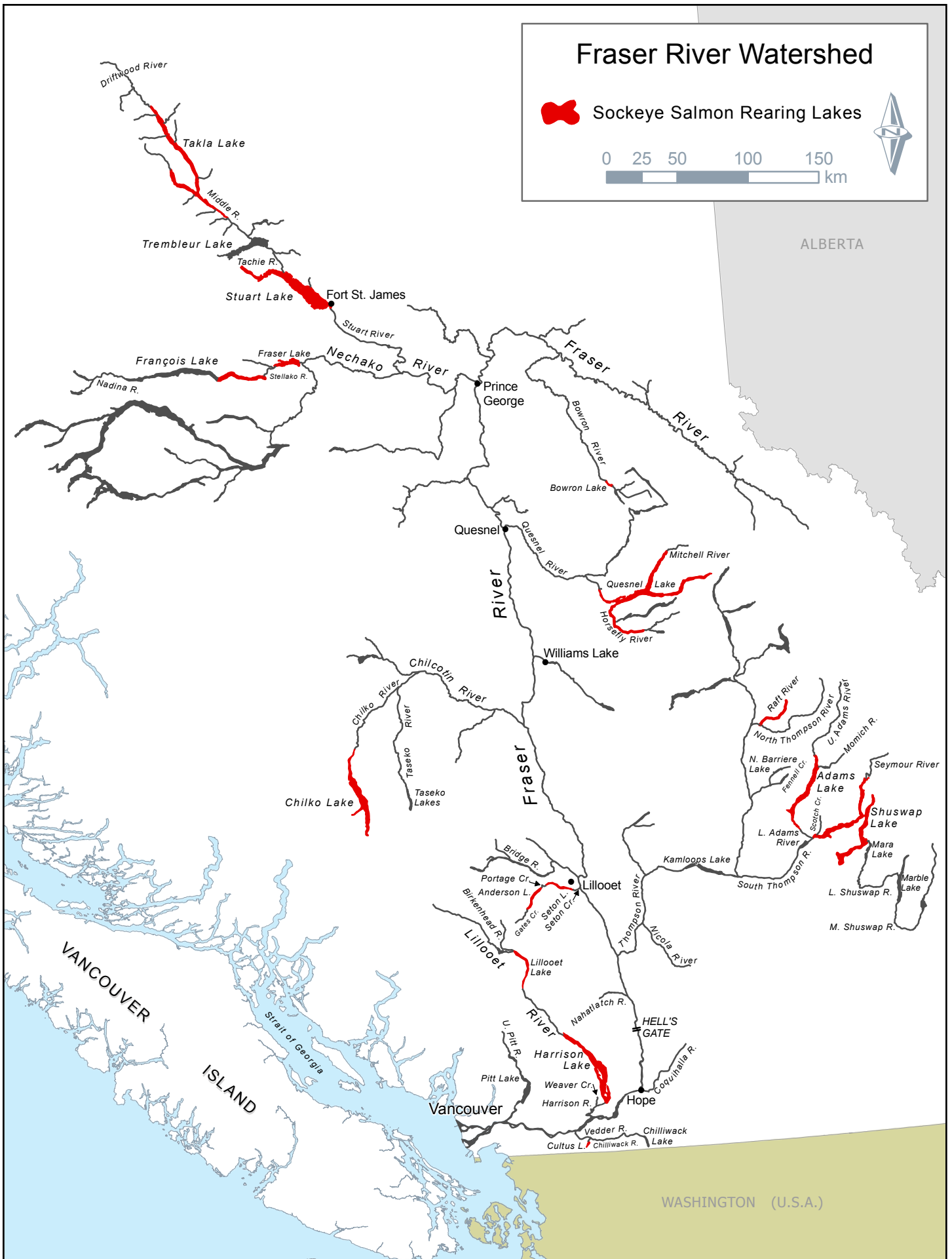
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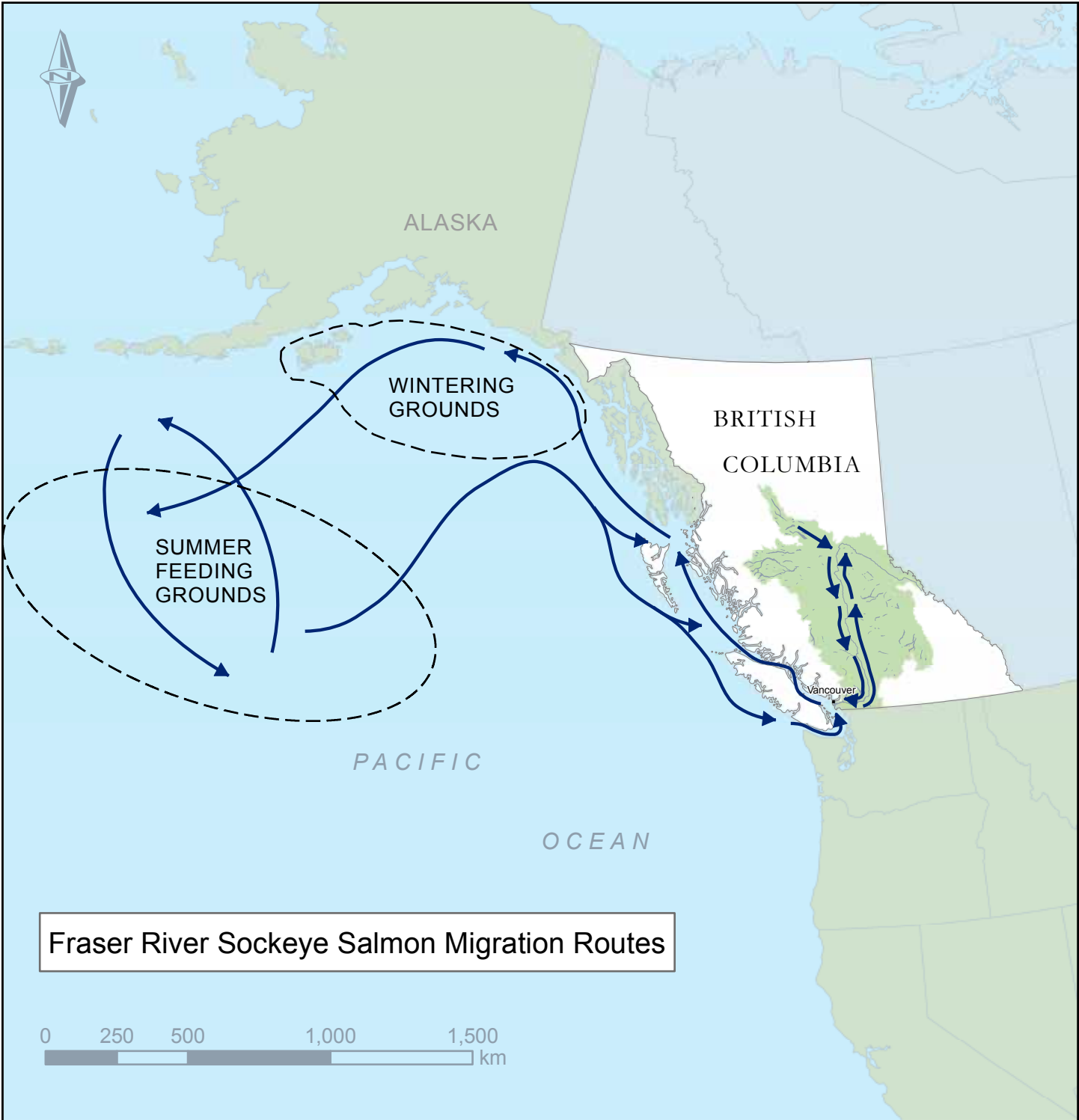
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October 29, 2012

To His Excellency
The Governor General in Council

May it please Your Excellency:

As Commissioner appointed by Order in Council PC 2009-1860, which was promulgated on November 5, 2009, pursuant to Part I of the *Inquiries Act*, and in accordance with the Terms of Reference assigned therein, I respectfully submit my final report.

The report sets out my findings resulting from public forums and submissions, the extensive review of documents, the conduct of evidentiary hearings, and the careful consideration of participants' submissions.

I trust that my report will contribute to an improved understanding of Fraser River sockeye salmon, and that my recommendations will improve the future sustainability of the sockeye salmon fishery in the Fraser River.

I consider it a privilege and an honour to have served as Commissioner.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "BCohen".

The Honourable Bruce I. Cohen
Commissioner

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