

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DECLINE OF SOCKEYE SALMON IN  
THE FRASER RIVER**

In the matter of Her Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, directing that a commission do issue under Part I of the Inquiries Act and under the Great Seal of Canada appointing the Honourable Bruce Cohen as Commissioner to conduct an inquiry into the decline of sockeye salmon in the Fraser River.

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**AFFIDAVIT #1 OF MIKE LAPOINTE**

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I, Mike Lapointe, Chief Biologist for the Pacific Salmon Commission at suite 600, 1155 Robson Street in the City of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts and matters set out in this affidavit.
2. The Pacific Salmon Commission ("PSC"), maintains records relating to Fraser River sockeye salmon from 1893 to the present day. Attached to this affidavit and marked as Exhibit "A" is a copy of a spreadsheet taken from those records setting out Fraser sockeye total abundance for the years 1893 – 2011.
3. I have reviewed the graph attached to this affidavit and marked as Exhibit "B". I am satisfied that it is derived from the spreadsheet marked as Exhibit "A" and is a fair graphic representation of Fraser sockeye total abundance for the years for which the PSC has records.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the  
City of Vancouver in the Province of  
British Columbia, the 27th day of  
September, 2011.

  
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Mike Lapointe

**Fraser Sockeye  
Total Abundance**

Year	Run
1893	16,340,000
1894	6,845,000
1895	7,350,000
1896	5,160,000
1897	28,065,000
1898	5,635,000
1899	13,575,000
1900	4,815,000
1901	40,195,000
1902	7,680,000
1903	4,770,000
1904	2,690,000
1905	32,070,000
1906	4,595,000
1907	2,005,000
1908	2,995,000
1909	27,850,000
1910	5,340,000
1911	2,395,000
1912	3,830,000
1913	38,785,000
1914	6,485,000
1915	2,225,000
1916	1,465,000
1917	7,795,000
1918	925,000
1919	1,525,000
1920	1,415,000
1921	1,910,000
1922	1,530,000
1923	1,190,000
1924	1,515,000
1925	2,070,000
1926	2,350,000
1927	2,600,000
1928	1,194,000
1929	2,581,000
1930	7,594,000
1931	1,935,000
1932	2,127,000
1933	2,982,000
1934	6,727,000
1935	2,228,000
1936	3,635,000
1937	3,308,000
1938	4,635,000
1939	1,668,000
1940	2,707,000
1941	5,280,000
1942	11,650,000
1943	967,000
1944	1,890,000
1945	2,367,000
1946	11,127,946
1947	1,324,646
1948	3,067,837
1949	3,559,240
1950	4,350,644
1951	3,408,262
1952	3,505,232
1953	5,853,564
1954	12,198,308

This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the affidavit of Mike Lapointe sworn before me at Vancouver, this 27th day of September 2011.

*B. Wallace*

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**Fraser Sockeye  
Total Abundance**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Run</b>
1955	2,746,528
1956	2,866,977
1957	5,401,219
1958	18,778,820
1959	4,769,576
1960	3,421,281
1961	4,713,837
1962	3,512,304
1963	3,985,486
1964	1,824,500
1965	3,166,871
1966	5,459,849
1967	6,803,585
1968	2,955,662
1969	4,941,025
1970	6,163,676
1971	7,696,359
1972	3,708,113
1973	6,878,291
1974	8,616,165
1975	3,683,576
1976	4,340,815
1977	5,887,114
1978	9,420,144
1979	6,358,912
1980	3,133,187
1981	7,741,247
1982	13,985,095
1983	5,240,936
1984	5,919,324
1985	13,878,493
1986	15,927,438
1987	7,680,095
1988	3,773,551
1989	18,594,484
1990	21,985,937
1991	12,390,664
1992	6,442,239
1993	23,630,664
1994	17,284,640
1995	4,020,414
1996	4,520,445
1997	16,351,769
1998	10,873,000
1999	3,643,000
2000	5,217,000
2001	7,213,000
2002	15,137,000
2003	4,873,502
2004	4,184,200
2005	7,077,100
2006	12,981,200
2007	1,510,600
2008	1,755,355
2009	1,505,096
2010	29,005,410
2011	4,560,000 Preliminary in-season estimate

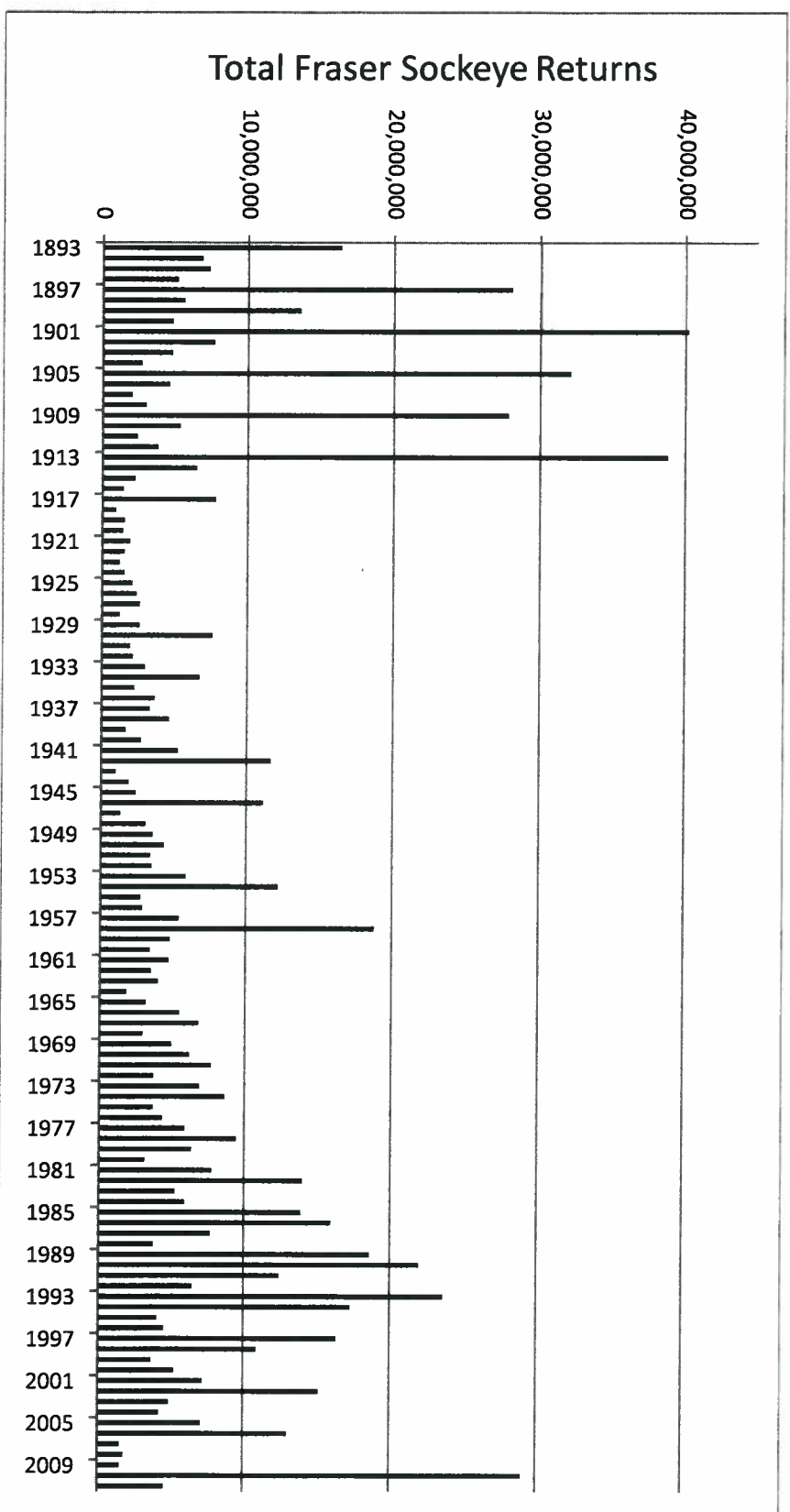


Figure X. Total Fraser River sockeye returns between 1893 – 2011. 2011 estimate is preliminary. Data source: Mike LaPointe, Pacific Salmon Commission

This is Exhibit "B" referred to in the affidavit of Mike Lapointe sworn before me at Vancouver, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

*B. J. Walters*  
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