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Pacific Salmon - Areas B, D, E, G, H(parts)

Species and Area

SALMON AREA B SEINE – 168 Licences
Areas 11 to 29 and 121

SALMON AREA D GILL NET – 355 Licences
Areas 11 to 15 and 23 to 27

SALMON AREA E GILL NET – 393 Licences
Areas 16 to 22, 28, 29 and 121

SALMON AREA G TROLL – 165 Licences
AREAS 11, 20 TO 27, 111, 121, 123 TO 127 AND SUBAREAS 12-5 TO 12-16

SALMON AREA H TROLL – 89 Licences
Areas 12 to 19, 28 and 29

Date of season (subject to change)

June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010

Total Allowable Catches and Sharing Arrangements (if applicable)

Allowable catch is allocated to sectors according to the priorities set out in the *Allocation Policy for Pacific Salmon*. Total Allowable catches within sectors will be dependent on, among other factors, in season assessments of actual stock strength, management measures taken to ensure conservation of individual stocks, and abundance of other species.

Management Measures

In order to effectively manage these stocks, a series of policies and regulations have been adopted to address biological uncertainty, legal requirements and sharing of the resource.

Departmental policy development related to the management of fisheries is guided by a range of considerations that include legislated mandates, judicial guidance and international and domestic commitments that promote biodiversity and a precautionary, ecosystem-based approach to the management of marine resources.

Each of the policies were developed with considerable consultation from all those with an interest in salmon management. While the policies themselves are not subject to annual changes, implementation details are continually refined where there is general support.

Salmon management programs will continue to be guided by policy and operational initiatives adopted over the past several years. These include; *Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon (WSP)*, *An Allocation Policy for Pacific Salmon*, *Pacific Fisheries Reform*, *A Policy for Selective Fishing*, *A Framework for Improved Decision Making in the Pacific Salmon Fishery*, the Integrated Harvest Planning Committee, and Pacific Region Fishery Monitoring and Reporting Framework.

Catch Monitoring will be a priority in the management of First Nations, commercial and recreational fisheries.

After conservation needs are met, First Nation's food, social and ceremonial (FSC) requirements and treaty obligations to First Nations have first priority in salmon allocation. First Nations access to salmon for FSC purposes is managed through communal licences. These licences are designed for the effective management and regulation of First Nations fisheries through a negotiated series of mutually acceptable conditions wherever possible. The date, times, locations where harvesting may occur, acceptable gear types, and other conditions are described in these licences. Communal licences can be amended in-season for resource conservation purposes. DFO seeks to provide for the effective management and regulation of First Nations fisheries through negotiation of mutually acceptable and time-limited Fisheries Agreements. If an agreement cannot be mutually concluded, DFO will issue an Aboriginal Communal fishing licence to the group authorizing them to fish for FSC purposes.

Recreational fishing opportunities for salmon are regulated by the *British Columbia Sport Fishing Regulations, 1996* made under the *Fisheries Act*. The regulations are generally summarized in the *2009 to 2011 British Columbia Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Guide* and the *2009 to 2011 British Columbia Freshwater Salmon Supplement*. This information is subject to change in-season if additional conservation concerns arise or if additional recreational opportunities become available. Changes will be communicated through Fishery Notices, media reports, telephone information lines and/or postings on the Pacific Region Fisheries and Oceans Canada website.

Due to the uncertainty of both timing and size of returning salmon runs, many commercial openings are not confirmed until a few days prior to the actual opening. Although it is not stated under each week in each area of this fishing plan, management actions planned for any area may change in-season. Fishing areas, sub areas or portions thereof, provisions for extensions, opening patterns and the duration of the fishing season can all be adjusted based on factors such as weak stock concerns, target stock abundance, fishing effort, rate of gear selectivity, domestic allocations and other factors. This fishing plan is designed to harvest abundant salmon stocks while minimizing the incidental harvest and by-catch of those stocks that are less than abundant levels.

Links to other information

[Salmon Update - 2009 Pacific Salmon Integrated Fisheries Management Plans](#)

For postings on the Pacific Region Fisheries and Oceans Canada website:
www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish.

For background information on the Pacific Salmon Treaty:
www.psc.org

For Salmon facts, salmon fisheries, enhancement and conservation and additional Salmon terms:
www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species/salmon/default_e.htm

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