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Fishery Notice - Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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Due to the extremely low abundance of sockeye and higher than average water temperatures the Department is taking additional action in fisheries that have an impact on sockeye.

Effective one hour before sunrise on Wednesday August 12, 2009 until further notice there is no fishing for sockeye (i.e. no catch and release) from the downstream side of the CPR bridge at Mission upstream to the Alexandra bridge.

Fishing for pink (2 per day), chinook (4 per day with only one greater than 50 cm) and chum (2 per day) salmon is permitted from downstream side of the CPR bridge at Mission upstream to the Alexandra bridge.

While fishing for pink, chinook and chum salmon, anglers should avoid using fishing methods such as bottom bouncing that catch sockeye salmon and use methods that are selective. The first principle of selective harvesting is to avoid catching non-targeted stocks. This means that anglers should use methods that do not catch sockeye. The following fishing methods enable anglers to catch pink, Chinook and chum salmon and avoid sockeye salmon interceptions:

Bar Fishing
Trolling Spoons at Creek mouths
Float Fishing
Pulling Plugs
Fly Fishing

We encourage anglers to continue to use these methods to target pink, chinook and chum while avoiding sockeye.

The Department requests that selective fishing techniques be used and will continue to closely monitor the situation to ensure sockeye encounters are avoided.

If sockeye encounters are not reduced to ensure the adequate passage of sockeye, then further actions such as spot closures or a No fishing for salmon restriction may be implemented.
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Notes:
The aggregate daily limit for all species of Pacific Salmon (other than kokanee) from tidal and non-tidal waters combined is four (4).

Barbless hooks are required when fishing for salmon in tidal and non-tidal waters of British Columbia. This includes all species of fish in the Fraser River.

Sport anglers are encouraged to participate in the voluntary Salmon Sport Head Recovery program by labelling and submitting heads from adipose fin-clipped chinook and coho salmon. Recovery of coded-wire tags provides critical information for coast-wide stock assessment. Contact the Salmon Sport Head Recovery Program at (866) 483-9994 for further information.

Did you witness suspicious fishing activity or a violation? If so, please call the Fisheries and Ocean Canada 24-hour toll free Observe, Record, Report line at (800) 465-4336.

For the 24 hour recorded opening and closure line, call toll free at (866) 431-FISH.

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