

Looking for solutions

- Effective monitoring and enforcement is necessary to account for unregulated catches, and to build trust between First Nations and public fisheries
- People want better understanding and more transparency around the development of fishing plans
- Improvements are needed in assessing all mortalities from our fisheries
- Interests need to work together to manage crowding and conflict arising from the growth of both fisheries
- Fishers should avoid interfering with each other's fishery, and follow fishing plans respectfully
- More boat launch/landing sites, parking and washroom facilities are needed in the lower Fraser River



Fraser River Sports Fishing and First Nations

As sport fishing and First Nations representatives we have been meeting regularly to find workable solutions to solve conflicts between our fisheries on the lower Fraser River. As interested fishers, we are also pioneers of tomorrow's river fishery.

You can help by contacting your representatives and talking about the ways we can all work together for the fish, and to improve our fisheries for generations to come.

"Our goal is to avoid conflict and work together through ideas designed to improve relations on the river."

Chief Willie Charlie,
Chehalis Indian Band



Our Plans

- Improved communications
- Joint monitoring and assessment standards
- Mapping of high use/conflict areas
- More boat launches, parking, camping
- Strategies to reduce crowding

See River Manners - respect, etiquette and cooperation when fishing rivers of BC

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ8YStwrhy4>

www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca for more information on regulation

River Manners

Created by sports fishers and First Nations on the Fraser River who care

Getting along on the River



For further information contact your fishery representatives

River Manners — Etiquette for a changing fishery

From time to time fishers are likely to encounter one another

Often the connections are cordial, informative, and peaceful. At other times these experiences have been negative. In these circumstances we have seen conflicts arise from lack of understanding, reflect a lack of manners and common courtesy, and in some isolated cases the poor behavior of a few individuals is at fault.

Conflicts and poor behavior by individuals, regardless of their status, is not condoned by organized anglers or First Nations. Together we are working to make the river a better place for fishing.

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Sport Fishing Code of Conduct

Fishing responsibly not only means protecting the environment and the resource, but also practicing safe fishing habits and respect towards others. A Code of Conduct was developed and endorsed by the Sport Fishing Advisory Board - some aspects of this code are broadly applicable to all fisheries.

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/sfab-ccps-eng.htm>

- Handle all fish with care.
- Limit your catch to ensure fish for the future.
- Leave your fishing spot cleaner than you found it.
- Respect the rights of property owners and other outdoor enthusiasts.
- Use the proper tackle and methods for the species being targeted.
- Promote the sport by teaching children and new participants how to fish.
- Become informed about your fishery and participate in its management.
- Report all illegal fishing activities to the proper authorities.
- Respect the space of others, leave enough room for everyone to fish.
- Learn the fishing and boating laws and abide by them.

 **Sport Fishing Advisory Board**
Representing the Sport Fishing Community since 1964



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