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## **MEDIA LINES**

### **TAKEHOLDER ROUNDTABLE MEETING WITH MINISTER SHEA Issue**

On September 11, 2009, Minister Gail Shea met with stakeholders and First Nations to discuss the 2009 Fraser River sockeye returns as well as to share information on DFO's Fraser River sockeye run size forecasting methodology and the actual returns of these stocks in 2009.

#### **Media Lines**

- Minister Shea held a roundtable discussion to hear the views and concerns of stakeholders and First Nations on the lower than expected returns of Fraser River sockeye in 2009.
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- DFO provided an update on the low sockeye returns in 2009, the fisheries decisions taken to conserve Fraser River sockeye, the forecasting approaches used to predict returns, and the actual returns of sockeye to the river.
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- The roundtable was an opportunity for the Minister to hear firsthand from diverse groups on Fraser River sockeye returns, and to consider their views on what the next steps should be in response to the low returns that occurred in 2009.
- First Nations, environmental organizations, conservation groups, commercial harvesters and the recreational fishery were all represented at the roundtable.
- The Minister will be reflecting on the feedback and ideas she received from participants at the Roundtable as she considers next steps in response to the

lower than expected returns of Fraser River sockeye in 2009.

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