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The Honorable Gary Locke
Secretary of Commerce
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Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report to you that agreement has been reached by the Pacific Salmon Commission and the Fraser River Panel on the Fishing Regime for the 2009 Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon season within United States Fraser River Panel Area waters.

In accordance with Article VI, Paragraph 5 of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, the Commission recommends to the United States Government the adoption of the following Fishing Regime developed by the Fraser River Panel, namely:

Treaty Indian Fisheries:

1. No Treaty Indian shall commercially fish for sockeye or pink salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 4B, 5 and 6C with drift gillnets or purse seines from the 28th day of June, 2009 to the 19th day of September, 2009, both dates inclusive.
2. No Treaty Indian shall commercially fish for sockeye or pink salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 6, 6A, 7 and 7A with nets from the 28th day of June, 2009, to the 26th day of September, 2009, both dates inclusive.
3. No Treaty Indian shall commercially fish for sockeye or pink salmon with nets in that portion of Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7A lying westerly of a straight line drawn from the low water range marker in Boundary Bay on the International Boundary through the east tip of Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the East Point Light on Saturna Island in the Province of British Columbia from the 27th day of September, 2009, to the 3rd day of October, 2009, both dates inclusive.

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All-Citizen Fisheries:

1. No person shall fish for sockeye or pink salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 4B, 5, and 6C with nets from the 28th day of June, 2009, to the 19th day of September, 2009, both dates inclusive.
2. No person shall fish for sockeye or pink salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 6, 6A, 7 and 7A with nets from the 28th day of June, 2009, to the 26th day of September, 2009, both dates inclusive.
3. No person shall fish for sockeye or pink salmon with nets in that portion of Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7A lying westerly of a straight line drawn from the low water range marker in Boundary Bay on the International Boundary through the east tip of Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the East Point Light on Saturna Island in the Province of British Columbia from the 27th day of September, 2009, to the 3rd day of October, 2009, both dates inclusive.

The following Fraser River Panel Area waters and fisheries are excluded:

Treaty Indian and All-Citizen Fisheries:

1. High Seas westerly of the Bonilla Point-Tatoosh Island Lighthouse Line.
2. Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 6B, 6D, 7B, 7C, 7D and 7E.

During the 2009 season, the Fraser River Panel will adopt Orders establishing open fishing periods based on a 2009 Management Plan adopted by the Panel. This Plan will be designed to achieve Pacific Salmon Treaty-mandated conservation objectives, international allocations of the catch, and domestic goals of the Parties.

Sincerely,

PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION

Paul Sprout
Chair

(Map attached)

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