



Fraser Coastal 2009/2010 Highlights



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Pillar 1: Education, Partnerships, Stewardship



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Pulling Together

- 2009 was the 10th year of Pulling Together, 22 canoes and over 300 participants from First Nations and Police agencies came together to paddle Okanagan Lake. LFA F/O's participated in a ceremonial naming feast for the DFO canoe Sto:mex Skwo:wech





July 1 Canada Day Blitz

- Fraser Coastal F/O's conducted an educational program and presented a CSSP educational display at Centennial beach



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Fish for the Future

- F/O's participated for the 3rd year at the Steveston "Fish for the Future" event at London Landing. F/O's interacted with young persons fishing on the dock and the C&P RHIB did a cruise by.



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Fishermen's Memorial Service

- 3 Fraser Coastal F/O's and Brian Atagi attended Fishermen's Memorial Service in Steveston on National Day of Mourning April 28. A F/O and a RCMP member escorted the wreath layers during the memorial ceremony





Richmond Maritime Festival

- F/O's participated in the Richmond Maritime Festival at Britannia Shipyard National Historic Site, this is a family event with approximately 15,000 people attending over 3 days. Information was provided on CSSP, rockfish conservation and SARA





West Vancouver Coho Festival

- F/O's participated in the West Vancouver Coho Festival. The festival raises funds for salmonid programs in the North Shore.





BC Rivers Day

- Community Event in Pemberton



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Richmond Science Fair

- F/O's participated in a science fair in Richmond for the national "Science & Technology Week" with a science oriented display.





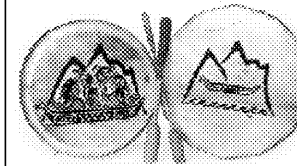
- Squamish F/O's were invited to and attended the Annual General meeting for the In-SHUCK-ch Nation at Skatin. A C&P presentation was done.

In-SHUCK-ch Nation General Assembly

Where:
Head of the Lake School,
Skatin
When:
Saturday, January 23, 2010
Time:
10 am - 4 pm

DRAFT AGENDA

- Ministry of Forests Update
- In-SHUCK-ch Forest Service Road Update, Hedberg & Associates Consulting Ltd.
- Eligibility and Enrolment
- **Guest speaker:** Chief Robert Joseph and John McCandless, Bright New Days Workshop
- Treaty Update
- Community Forest Update, David Carson, Timberline Natural Resources
- Task Committee Report
- Fisheries Update, Rob Harris, Fishery Officer, Squamish Field Unit, Fisheries and Oceans Canada



Bring your drums!

Everyone Invited!

Win a Door Prize!

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Meals and babysitting provided

In-SHUCK-ch Nation General Assembly Committee:
Sylvester Sam, Jeanette Phillips
and Brenda Lester

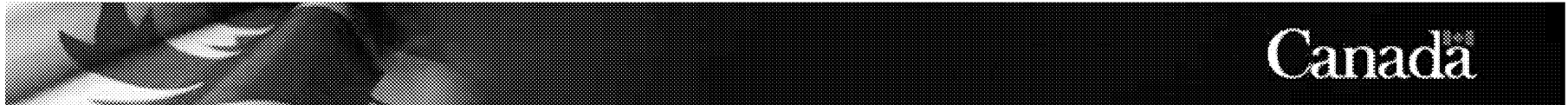
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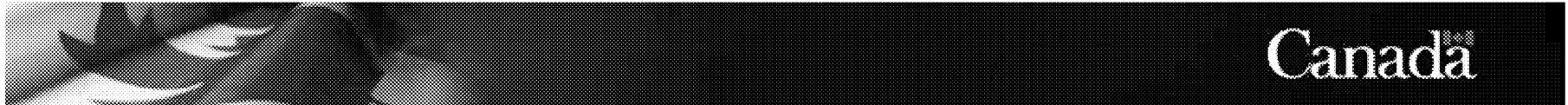
- F/O's did a C&P display at the Vancouver Aquarium for the Divers' Weekend at the Aquarium event. 4361 visitors attended the Aquarium during the weekend.





F/O's also attended these events:

- Fraser Coastal F/O's paddled the Sturgeon Warrior in a canoe race with Squamish band youth and RCMP members at the Squamish Nation Aboriginal Day community event
- In-SHUCK-ch Days near Pemberton, BC.
- Bear Awareness Community Event in Squamish
- Ryan Lyth was invited to the 'First Salmon Festival' held at the longhouse on the Tsawwassen reserve. There was a feast, speeches given by an elder and Ryan participated in a ceremony on their RHIB to offer a gift of cedar bows, salmon bones, and berries to the Fraser River.
- Cross Border Enforcement Meeting with Washington State Fish & Game Officers, CO's and CBSA.
- SFAC committee meetings in Squamish and Surrey
- Police Officer Memorial service in Washington state
- Orientation sessions on Fisheries violations were conducted for Richmond and North Vancouver RCMP members





World Police & Fire Games

- Ann Bussell and Lindsay Johnston participated in the Honour Guard at the World Police and Fire Games in Vancouver



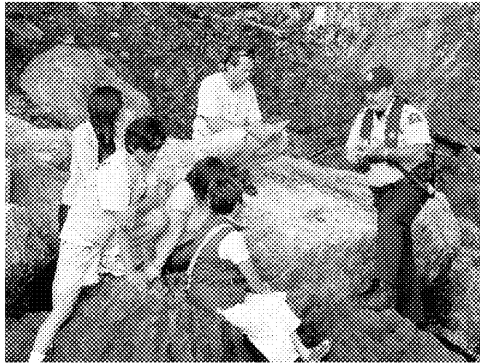
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Pillar 2: Monitoring, control and surveillance



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Habitat Enforcement

- F/O's responded to numerous habitat violations in the Squamish and Pemberton area. F/O's worked with HEB staff on riparian, harmful alteration, manure dumping, sediment and IPP fish kill incidents.





Fraser River Enforcement

- The overall objective was to provide effective enforcement during open and closed times in order to protect salmon stocks in the Lower Fraser River.
- Patrols were strategically scheduled to detect poaching.





- Due to low sockeye stocks poaching activity was reduced this year. 10 nets were seized, one net had 75 Sockeye in it. There have been a total of 176 violations during closed time patrols this year. The majority of the violations encountered were in the recreational fishery. F/O's observed 2 persons fishing in the Fraser River using barbed hooks. They had retained 49 whitefish while the limit is 20. They were each fined \$1000 for a total of \$2000



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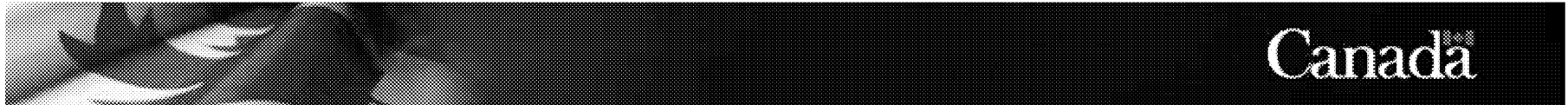


- Appearance notices issued to 2 non-authorized Squamish band members fishing in the Fraser River for Sockeye with a Sockeye net during a Chinook FSC fishery; the net, 7 Sockeye and 1 Chinook were seized
- Appearance notices issued to 2 persons using Sockeye net during FSC Chinook fishery, 5" mesh net and 12 sockeye seized





- Appearance notice issued to non-native individual for illegally selling 60 Fraser River Sockeye purchased on Musqueam reserve, vehicle seized
- Charges pending for buyer and seller of FSC salmon from Squamish River





- Court result for FSC salmon file: Tsawwassen member that used Sockeye net during Chinook fishery convicted, conditional discharge, net and fish forfeited
- Court result for commercial salmon gillnet files: vessel operator that used a long net during Chum fishery fined \$3000 and forfeited his catch, vessel operator that used a deep net during Chum fishery fined \$2500 and forfeited his net and catch





Commercial Salmon

- Salmon: F/O's monitored Area B Johnston Strait Seine fishery offloads in the Lower Mainland. Appearance Notices were issued for 5 vessels with a total by-catch of 1587 lbs. of Sockeye and 2137 lbs. of Coho.





- F/O's monitored Area B
Seine fishery at mouth of
Fraser River





Commercial Shellfish

- Prawn: Appearance notice issued to vessel operator that had a string of prawn traps set inside the closed area of Porteau Cove Park. 1 string of 50 prawn traps and the prawn catch seized.





Shrimp Trawl

- Shrimp Trawl: Court results for 2009 shrimp trawl files: \$2000 fine for 2 persons charged with failing to return incidental catch, \$4000 fine for 2 persons charged with failing to return incidental catch





- Crab: Court result for 3 crab vessels that submitted log books late, \$750 fine each for 2 vessels and \$1500 fine for 1 vessel. Warning letters sent to 13 commercial crab vessels re: EM data not being submitted.
- Appearance notice issued to a person illegally selling crabs from a vehicle in Vancouver
- Jo Jenkins conducted Aerial Surveillance flights

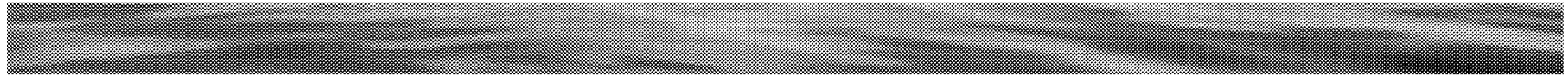




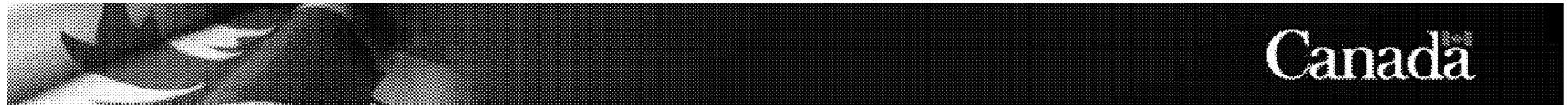
CSSP Enforcement

- CSSP patrols were conducted during low tides, a total of 452 violations were detected during covert and regular patrols.





- F/O's observed 2 groups of people at the Tsawwassen ferry causeway. 3 persons that had a total of 329 oysters and 92 clams were convicted and fined a total of \$2100. 3 persons that had 70 clams were convicted and fined a total of \$4500
- 8 A/N's issued to 8 persons that took 100 oysters on Bowen Island, 2 persons pled guilty and were fined \$500 each.

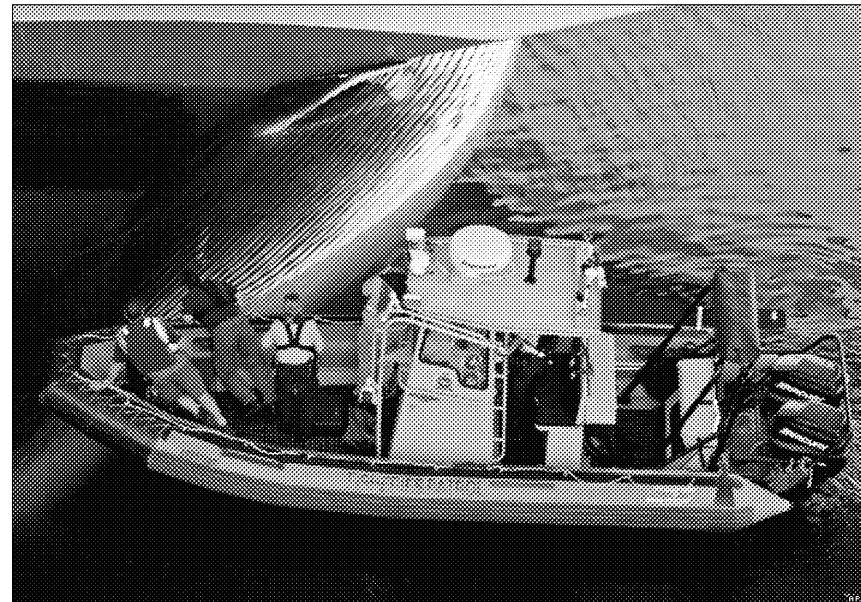


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Marine Mammals

- F/O's assisted Marine Mammal staff with Fin Whale incident, 20 m. whale found on bow of cruise ship as it entered Vancouver harbour.
- F/O's observed violation of whale watch guidelines by commercial charter boat and issued warning.





Recreational

- Crab: Recreational shellfish checks were mostly conducted during other work element patrols, 190 violations to date. The majority are for undersize and over limit of crabs.
- Court result for recreational crab file: total of \$3600 in fines, forfeiture of recreational fishing boat and fishing gear, prohibited from fishing for 2 years for 2 persons charged with exceeding daily limit, undersize Dungeness crabs and taking female crabs



Rockfish

- 2 A/N's issued to 2 persons who had retained 12 rockfish
- 2 persons at Sunset Marina who had retained 5 rockfish were charged, pled guilty and fined \$500 each and 1 year fishing prohibition
- 4 persons who had retained 9 rockfish and an undersized lingcod were fined a total of \$1950 and 4 rods were forfeited
- 6 persons issued tickets for fishing in Passage Island RCA, 6 rods seized, tickets paid (\$1500), rods forfeited



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Rockfish

- Court result for 2008 recreational rockfish file: 3 males were observed fishing, a cooler full of rockfish was dumped as the F/O's approached, 19 rockfish were recovered from the water. All 3 pled guilty and received a total of \$6500 in fines and a two year fishing prohibition for 1 person and 18 month fishing prohibitions for the other 2 persons.





Sturgeon

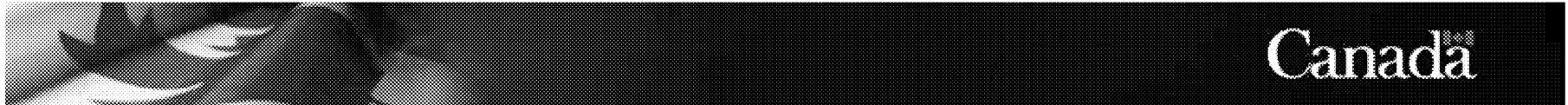
- SARA funding was provided for Sturgeon enforcement in the Lower Fraser Area
- Total of 33 violations: 11 A/N's issued for fishing for sturgeon with barbed hooks, 2 persons have pled guilty for barbed hook and were fined \$1000 each. 5 VPT's issued for no licence, 7 rods seized
- Joint patrols were conducted on Fraser River with F/O's and Conservation Officers.



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- Court result for 2008
Sturgeon file: total of
\$21,500 in fines for 5
persons convicted of
illegally retaining and
injuring Sturgeon



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- Court result for 2008 Sturgeon violation: F/O's arrived at Kerr Street dock and observed a person about to leave, a portion of a sturgeon was found hidden in the trunk. The vehicle, a 1992 Honda Accord, was seized. He pled guilty to illegal possession and was fined \$2000 plus the \$128 towing bill, his vehicle was forfeited and he received a 5 year fishing prohibition.



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- Court result for 2008 Sturgeon violation: F/O's observed a group of people leaving a sturgeon fishing spot under the Alex Fraser bridge, 1 person was carrying a bag which contained a 41" sturgeon which was cut in half. He was fined \$5000 and he received a 1 year fishing prohibition.





Training

- All Fraser Coastal F/O's completed 1 day course in operation of Raymarine E-Series Navigation equipment
- Jet boat training
- Rural Surveillance training
- Habitat
- Standard first aid + CPR
- Edged Weapons Seminar
- Tactical (Moving) Surveillance



Assistance to the Public

- Ryan Lyth used a fire extinguisher from a DFO vehicle to put out a fire on a vessel at a Marina.
- Assistance in SAR incidents: F/O's responded to 3 Mayday calls on the Fraser River, standing by at a Police incident at the Patullo Bridge, a man overboard report near Gibson's Landing and assisting in the search at a man overboard incident near Triangle Road, assistance in body recovery provided for this incident one week later. Squamish F/O's assisted SAR team by providing transportation using the jet boat to a vehicle that had gone in the river with 1 fatality.





Squamish F/O's in new jet boat



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