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I caught my first Sockeye in the North arm of the Fraser in 1935 at 14 years of age. I participated in Adams River cycles 1938, 42, 46, 50, 54 and the historical return in 1958, leaving the Gillnet fishery of 24 years which also had me catching dog fish for their livers and the halibut fishery.

My career as a commercial fisherman ended up in 1976 which spanned 62 years of my life. And now at 89 years of age, I still keep records of what I learned by Elmer Knight in 1940 who was in charge of giving us gillnetters their well outlined requirements for the international Salmon Commission.

It is for this reason of keeping records and have the latest recorded update of all tests made up to the above date and am shocked at what has taken place by the mismanagement of our present DFO which has created such utter chaos in the fishery of 2010.

I have one deep concern of what I and many others seen a week ago Friday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Fraser River at Garry Point Steveston was so full of Sockeye I had never seen the like of it in the River at one time.

The River net fishing was only open to the aboriginal fisherman. What happened to those passing sockeye for the next 3 days is unbelievable as 706,300 made it up to the Mission Bridge testing station and only 135,200 counted at Hells Gate. What happened to those missing 706,300 sockeye in 3 days is unreal.

The DFO finally realized what was happening, gave the Fraser River all Canadian fishermen another opening for 24 hrs and made the unrealistic decision to close the River for the balance of the 2010 season knowing full well there could be as many 20,000,000 sockeye in the Gulf of Georgia.

I would just like 6" to give a short highlight of what has happened and Ernie Crey's full agreement the Rivers should be closed to save the Coho from extinction which is a farce as they the Sto:lo and other Bands are responsible for their loss.

Sincerely Capt Robert (Bob) Karliner.

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I have written two books of my autobiography as a commercial fisherman. "Stand by Let'er Go" which covers my gillnet career of 24 years. Published in 2005 which has 200 pages with 190 images.

"The Turning Point" is a much larger book of 490 pages which has 430 images published in July of 2008.

I have a DVD made up title "The Fraser, M River & Home Port" by Bob Karliner, 1929 to 2009.

This DVD is historical as are the two books. It is a combination of 16 mm movie film and slide show which shows in 16mm movie film in full colour. No audio or stabilization in those days but on the calm day, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 1958, I show in vivid colour 2'40" of the Adams River sockeye at the mouth Fraser towards Point Roberts to the East of thousands of sockeye showing one school after another of 10,000 to 30,000 salmons.

Fishing has been my life if it wasn't sport fishing, it was commercial. All the best, Bob Karliner