



FOC - Fishery Notice:

Salmon - Area 29 - Tidal Waters of the Fraser River - Salmon Opportunities

September 13, 2017

The FRSA is pleased that DFO has finally accepted that recreational anglers should be allowed to fish for salmon on the Fraser River. We suggest our intensive lobbying including individual meetings with both Liberal & Conservative MP's has played a very significant role in getting the river open. The support of other organizations & individuals has also been a major factor.

The FRSA all summer has attempted to represent the concerns of anglers while recognizing the significant conservation concerns. The "Sockeye Avoidance Demonstration Fishery" which was closely monitored and controlled again demonstrated that we can fish selectively and avoid stocks of concern. Our mandate continues to stress that with the river now open we must fish selectively. Current selective fishing methods acceptable to avoid late sockeye include bar fishing, fly fishing & float fishing. Promotion of selective fishing will continue to be a priority for the FRSA.

This current opening should be viewed as a victory and enjoyed by all. Let's remember it's a minor victory and the big picture goal is entrenching and enhancing the rights and opportunities of Fraser River anglers. We have a long term challenge in ensuring the fishing future for our children and grandchildren. We will exhaust all options including legal to protect this fishery. We will need the support and funding from all concerned individuals toward achieving that important goal.

The FRSA sincerely thanks all those who have contributed support in protecting this tremendous Canadian heritage. With your continued support our vision of "Salmon for All" can be achieved.

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