



# FRASER RIVER SPORTFISHING ALLIANCE

*SALMON FOR ALL*

## **To Whom it May Concern,**

A growing number of angling and conservation groups, fishing guides and representatives from the province's \$963 million sport fishing industry have joined forces to address the recent attacks on sport salmon fishing opportunities on the Fraser River. This once flourishing fishery that contributes \$100 million to the provincial economy is currently closed, despite the fact that selective fishing techniques could allow anglers to fish safely for non-threatened species.

To that end, the Fraser River Sport-fishing Alliance (FRSA) as a collective voice of the recreational sport fishing community has called on Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to take the following actions:

Manage the Fraser River salmon fishery in a manner that recognizes the rights of recreational anglers;

Ensure that the recreational sector's post-conservation salmon allocation is not transferred to other sectors.

Recognize the economic and social value of the recreational fishery;

Ensure sustainable management so that this Canadian, natural and public resource will be enjoyed by future generations.

This is not a simple task and we know that significant costs will be incurred in our efforts to protect sustainable access to the Fraser River sport fishery. Therefore, the FRSA is asking any business, organization or individuals impacted by the loss of recreational salmon fishing opportunities to consider contributing. Donations can be made payable to the BC Federation of Drift Fishers (BCFDF) specifying that the funds should be directed to the FRSA.

**IF WE FAIL TO ACT NOW, WE COULD LOSE OUR FISHERY FOREVER.**

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