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Dear Jennifer:

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Thank you for your prompt response to our recent e mails.

It should be noted that the Fraser River Sport Fishing Alliance and the organizations it represents views conservation as the priority issue. We also respect the constitutional priorities of First Nations. Obviously the optics of numerous and on going netting would be interpreted as indicators of reduced conservation concerns particularly for chinook stocks. This has created anger within the recreational community as we remain off the water.

Suggesting that current regulations prohibit ensuring that our truly selective bar fishing be permitted is not correct as your Dept has instituted spot closures in the past where selective fishing was not practiced. We have suggested many times that spot closures and peer pressure in other areas could provide a selective fishery with much lower mortality than any other sector. It's unfortunate that our offers to work with DFO in providing angler opportunity through a truly selective fishery are ignored. This was again obvious through the denial of our request for a demonstration fishery.

The economic loss and loss of family fishing opportunity is tremendous and it's imperative with pinks arriving that the river open ASAP.

The issue of faulty creel survey info has been a contentious issue for the past 2 years and we are still waiting for clarification including results from 2016. Obviously reliable estimates of catch are the keystone of opportunity for all sectors. We are confident that you concur with this position and will ensure that future estimates will reflect the real numbers, which will demonstrate the relatively low impact we have on Fraser River chinook stocks.

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