



Rebecca Reid

Regional Director-General,
Department of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Rebecca:

August 9, 2017

Considering the significant number of First Nations chinook openings & allowed retention of sockeye by catch it would appear that conservation concerns for chinook have diminished thus allowing for a recreational chinook fishery on the Fraser. Our recreational bar fishery for chinook is truly selective & we suggest has demonstrated the least impact of any fishery on sockeye stocks of concern. As you are aware we continue to support regulation changes to ensure selectivity & we support spot closure deemed necessary where selective fishing may not occur.

A very large segment of the Fraser River recreational community practices selective fishing and the chinook bar fishery as well as the jack spring fishery has been a very important family fishery practiced on many areas of the Fraser River for generations. To continue to deny this fishery while other sectors have significant allotments is not defensible. Our total annual catch of chinook is small in comparison to other fisheries.

Our organizations continue to support conservation & continue to offer to work with your staff. We only ask that our fishery be given the respect due & that our rights as Canadian citizens are recognized.

Thank you for your consideration & the anticipated opening of our chinook fishery.

Rod Clapton

Co Chair Fraser River Sport Fishing Alliance

Fred Helmer

Co Chair Fraser River Sport Fishing Alliance

providing a collective voice for the recreational sport fishing community