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Mr. Minister Please see comments below from today's "Sockeye Avoidance Demonstration Fishery" The recreational community has been extremely patient & respectful of conservation concerns & understanding of First nations priorities. That patience is at an end & today's results demonstrate the river should open to recreational fishing immediately. We would expect that DFO will act in a responsible manner recognizing our opportunities to fish should now be a priority for your Ministry.

Thank you for your immediate attention.

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Today's "Sockeye Avoidance Demonstration fishery" confirms our position that a recreational bar fishery is truly selective with zero impact on sockeye stocks. Approximately 80 anglers participated in locations adjacent to Island 22 launch site with zero sockeye intercepted. Any suggestions that our fishery interferes with First Nations fisheries was also not evident as drift net & bar fisheries were conducted with respect & distance given. The results of today's demonstration fishery suggests that the recreational fishery should be immediately open particularly with the number of pinks in the system.

Tributaries of the Fraser such as the Harrison must also be opened to recreational angling immediately due to the very significant number of pinks.