

email - Sept.2

Gerry Kristansen - SFAB

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Rod: Thanks for your note. I had spoken with Jennifer Nener before getting it but made many of the same points. I stressed the need for the department to consider Saturday's action as a demonstration aimed at reinforcing the need for DFO to respond positively to the SFAB's many requests for regulation and other changes aimed at increasing the selectivity of our fishery even though we had already shown that our mortality impacts on encountered sockeye are very low and certainly lower than those released from gillnets.

I also reminded her of that during the Friday calls I have been harping on the need to clarify what the department views as the level of the FN entitlement to chinook, especially as the Thompson fish hit the river. I also urged her to make an early statement about how pinks will be managed if it becomes clear that there more are returning than the present dismal orecast. There was some suggestion last Friday that there could not be recreational access in the river until there were enough fish for a FN economic opportunity harvest. I made clear that I did not believe such an approach was consistent with the allocation policy.

Gerry

From: RODNEY CLAPTON [rclapton@shaw.ca]

Sent: August-30-17 3:27 PM

To: Gerry Kristansen <gerrykr@telus.net>

Subject: Re: Fraser Chinook URGENT

Thanks Gerry. Our demo fishery Saturday is not a protest fishery. I had a long chat with DFO C&P today about Sat & I believe they understand that our objective is to demonstrate that we can be truly selective & avoid all sockeye. This demo fishery was proposed earlier this year thru a BCFDF proposal at the SFAB Main Board. While supporting in principle DFO would not provide any resources. We have decided to conduct, monitor & fund the fishery at one location on Sat to provide further info to justify opening our fishery.. This will be a bar fishing catch & release fishery with all data recorded..

Be assured Gerry there are people within the community recommending much more drastic actions such as blockades etc. We do not support or condone actions of that nature.

It must be noted that we are desperately trying to save our fishery. We are appalled that our original allocation of chinook was transferred to First Nations to compensate for low sockeye returns. We find it very disturbing that DFO is now suggesting we are off the river this weekend so that First Nations can have unfettered access to their priority.

We understand the conservation concerns but the actions this summer suggest our fishing heritage on the Fraser will soon be extinct.

From: "Gerry Kristansen" <gerrykr@telus.net>

To: "Rod Clapton" <rclapton@shaw.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 9:06:13 AM

Subject: RE: Fraser Chinook URGENT

Rod: Your note arrived just after I had left for a few days fishing at Langara with my son and granddaughter. I have since received from Sandy a copy of the FRSA announcement of a demonstration fishery on Saturday. I have repeatedly made clear during the Friday morning conference calls our sector's desire to get back fishing on the Fraser. However, since I have not been part of the discussions about the demonstration fishery I am not in a position to support the idea on behalf of the SFAB.

Gerry

From: RODNEY CLAPTON [<mailto:rclapton@shaw.ca>]
Sent: August-25-17 1:40 PM
To: Kristansen, Gerry <gerrykr@telus.net>
Cc: Helmer, Fred <fredhelmer55@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Fraser Chinook URGENT

Gerry I know you are aware of the tremendous frustration with in river salmon anglers. We have been more than patient to date. Will the SFAB support our demands to get back on the water? Pinks are starting to return. This will probably be the only fishery we may get! The future of the Fraser River sport fishery which was the fishing primer when we were kids will disappear unless actions are taken now.

From: "Rod Clapton" <rclapton@shaw.ca>
To: "Jennifer Neneer" <jennifer.neneer@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 1:26:08 PM
Subject: Fraser Chinook URGENT

Jennifer How can the mouth of the Fraser be open for chinook retention while the in river fishery remains closed? This is beyond comprehension if there are still conservation concerns. The in river bar fishery must open immediately. We cannot accept that any of our by catch & release of sockeye cannot be allowed considering the current retention of by caught sockeye in river by First Nations.