



DFO's Role regarding First Nations Access to Fisheries in British Columbia

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DFO Responsibilities

- Healthy and Productive Aquatic Ecosystems
- Safe and Accessible Waterways
- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture
 - Objectives Regarding Aboriginal Fisheries
 - Maintain the Honour of the Crown
 - Provide access for Food Social and Ceremonial purposes
 - Provide commercial access for economic benefits
 - Provide role in fisheries management
 - Strengthen relationships with First Nations

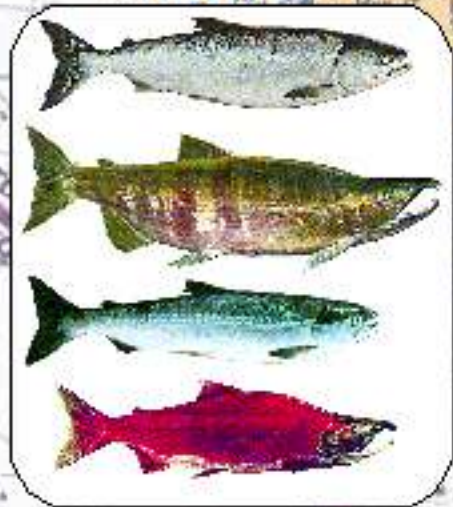


Aboriginal Fisheries Considerations

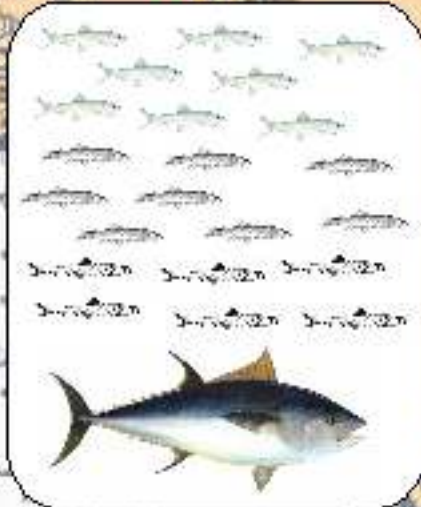
- Conservation is paramount
- Aboriginal fishing for food, social and ceremonial (FSC) purposes has first priority in management decisions after conservation
- Aboriginal fishing for FSC purposes should occur in areas that were historically fished by the First Nation
- Access to economic fisheries is managed within the integrated commercial fishery in which all harvesters fish under similar rules
- In practice, take into consideration the specific circumstances of the First Nation and the fisheries resource in implementing these policies
- Consult



Salmon



Pelagics



Groundfish

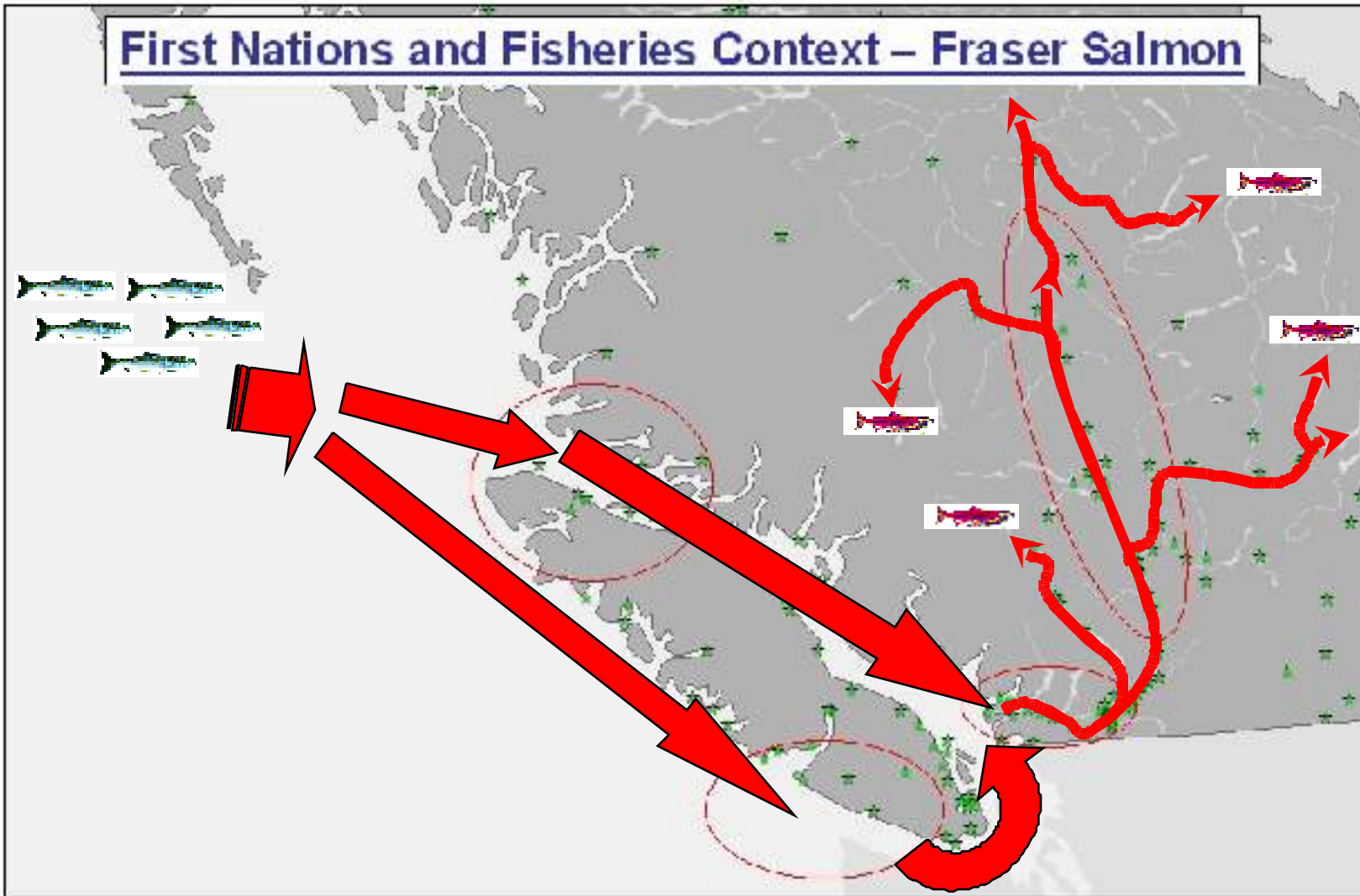


Shellfish





First Nations and Fisheries Context – Fraser Salmon





DFO Approach to Aboriginal Fisheries

- Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy
 - 100 agreements, 170 bands, \$14 Million annually
- Allocation Transfer Program
 - 41 agreements, 50 bands, worth \$50M, plus ongoing \$6M annually
- Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management Program
 - 14 agreements, 123 bands , \$ 6M annually
- Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
 - \$175M over 5 years of which \$115M access and gear, and \$12M for capacity building
- Treaty Implementation and Negotiations
- Consultation and Collaboration