



# First Nations Fisheries Council Communiqué August 2010

## **FISHERIES ISSUES UPDATES**

### **Cohen Commission**

The Cohen Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River will hold a series of public forums to provide an opportunity for community members to share information that they believe to be relevant to the mandate of the Commission.

**Lillooet:** August 18 - Lillooet District Rec Centre (Gym) - 2:00pm  
**Campbell River:** August 25 - Coast Discovery Inn & Marina - 6:30pm  
**Richmond:** September 13 - Steveston-London Secondary School - 6:30pm  
**Victoria:** September 16 - Hotel Grand Pacific - 6:30pm  
**New Westminster:** September 20 - Inn at the Quay - 6:30pm  
**Prince George:** September 23 - Ramada Inn - 6:30pm  
**Chilliwack:** September 29 - Coast Chilliwack Hotel - 6:30pm  
**Kamloops:** October 21 - Coast Canadian Hotel - 6:30pm

Further details on location and time are available on the Commission's website.

All forums are open to the public; however, **participants must apply through the Commission website in order to make a presentation at these sessions.**

The Commission has also released its schedule and topics for 2010 evidentiary hearings, which will take place October 25 through mid-December (continuing in the new year). Hearings will run Mondays through Fridays 9:30am - 12:30pm and 2:00 - 4:00pm each day. Hearings are open to the public and will be held at the Federal Court at 701 West Georgia Street, 8th floor.

**Fraser sockeye life cycle:** October 25  
**Conservation, sustainability and stewardship:** October 26-27  
**Perspectives on Aboriginal law:** October 28-29  
**DFO organizational structure:** November 1-5  
**Pacific Salmon Commission:** November 8-9  
**Wild Salmon Policy:** Nov 10, November 15-18  
**DFO habitat management and conservation:** November 19; November 22-24  
**Harvesting:** November 25-December 16

While a number of First Nations have been granted standing before the Commission, those communities that do not have standing can still participate by entering a [written submission](#). They can also take part in the Fisheries Council's Cohen Commission discussions by participating in our bi-weekly Wednesday morning conference calls.

The Fisheries Council has posted a number of documents to the Cohen Commission page of our [website](#). Some of these documents are available to First Nations only, and require a username and password. A confidential login is

available to anyone who is a member of a B.C. First Nation, or who works on behalf of a First Nation in the area of Fisheries. Please contact Aimee Arsenault at [aimee@fnfisheriescouncil.ca](mailto:aimee@fnfisheriescouncil.ca) to get your login.

More information on the Cohen Commission can be found at [www.cohencommission.ca](http://www.cohencommission.ca).

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## Aquaculture

The draft Pacific Aquaculture Regulations were released in Part 1 of the Canada Gazette on July 10, 2010. We are currently in the 60-day comment window, which closes on September 8, 2010. The regulations can be viewed at <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2010/2010-07-10/html/reg2-eng.html>

Comments on the regulations should be directed to Ed Porter, Team Leader, Regulatory Operations. He can be reached via email at [PAR-RPA@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:PAR-RPA@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

The Fisheries Council would appreciate being copied on any correspondence First Nations send to DFO or to the Minister regarding the draft regulations in order to help us monitor the comments and coordinate follow-up. Correspondence can be emailed to Alex Gagne at [alex@fnfisheriescouncil.ca](mailto:alex@fnfisheriescouncil.ca). The Fisheries Council will also post correspondence related to aquaculture on our [website](#).

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## FNFC Annual Fisheries Assembly

Please mark your calendars for the annual First Nations Fisheries Council Assembly. The Assembly will take place in **Prince Rupert on November 2-4, 2010**. Registration forms and accommodation information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

The theme of the Assembly will be *“Co-management: Developing a shared vision for the future”*.

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## Fish in the News

Please see the Fisheries Council's [Fish in the News](#) page for recent media coverage relating to B.C. fisheries issues of interest to B.C. First Nations. A [Bulletin Board](#) is also regularly updated on the website with information about upcoming meetings, job opportunities, and other fisheries related news.

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## **B.C. FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATIONS CONFERENCE CALLS**

The next bi-weekly B.C. First Nations Fisheries Organizations conference calls for B.C. First Nations Fisheries Organizations and technical staff (Tier 1 – internal to First Nations only) will be held:

**Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 9:00am – 10:30am**  
**Wednesday, August 25, 2010, 9:00am – 10:30am**  
**Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 9:00am – 10:30am**

Please contact the Council for dial-in information and agendas, or refer to past meeting summaries on the FNFC website. Meeting summaries are available to First Nations only, so you will need to login and password to view the meeting notes. A confidential login is available to anyone who is a member of a B.C. First Nation or who works on behalf of a First Nation in the area of Fisheries.

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## JOINT WORKING GROUPS

The Fisheries Council and DFO have established four priority area working groups: Aquaculture, Section 35.1 FSC Fisheries, Economic Access, and Co-management. All working groups have had at least one meeting, and will be developing joint work plans in the fall. Meeting notes, working group terms of reference, and additional information will be available on the Fisheries Council [website](#).

A number of useful co-management resources have been posted to the [Co-management Working Group](#) page on our website, including a co-management legal opinion and executive summary, a co-management scoping paper produced by the Fisheries Council, a piece of capacity assessment, and a few academic works. Some of these documents are internal to First Nations only, and require a username and password to access. A confidential login is available to anyone who is a member of a B.C. First Nation, or who works on behalf of a First Nation in the area of Fisheries. Please contact Aimee Arsenault at [aimee@fnfisheriescouncil.ca](mailto:aimee@fnfisheriescouncil.ca) to get your login.

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS

First Nations Fisheries Council members are appointed by First Nations around B.C. through processes that they determine at a region scale. There are 14 Council seats available. The intent of the Regions is that First Nations will work collaboratively to determine which area they participate in and how they wish to see appointments made. These are your current Fisheries Council members.

### Council Members

Allan Claxton  
Cliff Atleo  
John Henderson  
Steve Carpenter  
Russ Jones  
Don Roberts  
Walter Joseph  
John Ward  
Howie Wright  
Thomas Alexis  
Vacant  
Ken Malloway  
Wayne Sparrow

### Region

South Island  
Nuu-chah-nulth (West Coast Vancouver Island)  
Kwakwaka'wakw (Northern Vancouver Island & Mainland Inlets)  
Central Coast  
Haida Gwaii  
North Coast  
Upper Skeena  
Northern Transboundary  
Columbia Transboundary  
Upper Fraser  
Mid-Fraser (2)  
Fraser Valley  
Lower Fraser/ Lower Mainland

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## CONTACT US

For more information about the First Nations Fisheries Council, please visit our website at [www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca](http://www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca). You can reach the Communications Coordinator for the Fisheries Council, Aimee Arsenault, at [aimee@fnfisheriescouncil.ca](mailto:aimee@fnfisheriescouncil.ca).