

Chapter 6 Southern British Columbia and Washington State Chum Salmon

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply for the period 1999 through 2008.

1. The Parties shall maintain a joint Chum Technical Committee ("the Committee") reporting, unless otherwise agreed, to the Southern Panel and the Commission. The Committee will undertake to, *inter alia*,:

- (a) identify and review the status of stocks of primary concern;
- (b) present the most current information on harvest rates and patterns on these stocks, and develop a joint database for assessments;
- (c) collate available information on the productivity of chum stocks to identify escapements which produce maximum sustainable harvests and allowable harvest rates;
- (d) present historical catch data, associated fishing regimes, and information on stock composition in fisheries harvesting those stocks;
- (e) devise analytical methods for the development of alternative regulatory and production strategies;
- (f) identify information and research needs, to include future monitoring programs for stock assessment; and
- (g) for each season, make stock and fishery assessments and evaluate the effectiveness of management.

2. In the years 1999 through 2008, Canada will manage its Johnstone Strait, Strait of Georgia, and Fraser River chum fisheries to provide continued rebuilding of depressed naturally spawning chum stocks, and, to the extent practicable, minimize increased interceptions of United States origin chum. Terminal fisheries conducted on specific stocks with identified surpluses will be managed to minimize interception of non-targeted stocks.

3. In the years 1999 through 2008,

- a) for Johnstone Strait run sizes less than 3.0 million
 - (i) Canada, taking into account the catch of Canadian chum in United States Areas 7 and 7A, will limit its harvest rate in Johnstone Strait to less than 10 percent, resulting in a Johnstone Strait catch level of up to 280,000 chum; and
 - (ii) when the catch in Johnstone Strait is 280,000 chum or less, the United States catch of chum in Areas 7 and 7A shall be limited to chum taken incidentally to other species and in other minor fisheries, but shall not exceed 20,000, provided, however, that catches for the purposes of electrophoretic sampling shall not be included in the aforementioned limit;