

(b) the Taku River:

(1) Sockeye salmon:

(i) Except as noted below, Canada shall harvest no more than 18% of the TAC of the wild sockeye salmon originating in the Canadian portion of the Taku River each year.

(ii) If the projected in-river escapement is greater than 100,000 sockeye, Canada may, in addition, harvest 20% of the projected in-river escapement above 100,000 sockeye.

(iii) The Parties agree to manage the returns of Taku River sockeye to ensure that each country obtains catches in their existing fisheries equivalent to each country's share of wild sockeye and a 50% share of enhanced sockeye.

(iv) The Parties agree to continue the existing joint Taku enhancement program designed to produce annually 100,000 returning sockeye salmon.

(2) Coho salmon:

(i) Consistent with paragraph 2 above, the Parties agree to develop and implement an abundance-based approach to managing coho salmon on the Taku River. The Parties commit to developing a revised MSY escapement goal to be implemented no later than May 1, 2004.

(ii) Until a new abundance-based approach is developed, the management intent of the United States is to ensure a minimum above-border in-river run of 38,000 coho salmon, and the following arrangements will apply:

a. no numerical limit on the Taku River coho catch will apply in Canada during the directed sockeye salmon fishery (through statistical week 33);

b. if in-season projections of above-border run size are less than 50,000 coho salmon, a directed Canadian harvest of up to 3,000 coho salmon is allowed for assessment purposes as part of the joint Canada/U.S. Taku River mark-recapture program;

c. if in-season projections of above-border run size exceed 50,000 coho salmon, a directed Canadian harvest of 5,000 coho salmon is allowed;

d. if in-season projections of above-border run size exceed 60,000 coho salmon, a directed Canadian harvest of 7,500 coho salmon is allowed; and

e. if in-season projections of above border run size exceed 75,000 coho salmon, a directed Canadian harvest of 10,000 coho is allowed.

(3) Chinook salmon:

(i) Both Parties shall take the appropriate management action to ensure that the necessary escapement goals for chinook salmon bound for the Canadian portions of the Taku River are achieved.