

- c) For run sizes below the critical threshold, the U.S. catch of chum in Areas 7 and 7A shall be limited to chum salmon taken incidentally to other species and in other minor fisheries, but shall not exceed 20,000, provided that catches for the purpose of genetic stock identification sampling shall not be included in the aforementioned limit.
  - d) The Fraser River chum salmon abundance estimate will be updated no later than October 22. If the run size is estimated to be less than 900,000, the United States will take immediate action to restrict its fishery impacts on Fraser chum. The Parties will then meet within 3 days of the update to discuss further U.S. fishing opportunities to meet conservation objectives.
  - e) U.S. commercial fisheries for fall chum salmon in Areas 7 and 7A will not occur prior to October 10.
  - f) The United States will manage the Areas 7 and 7A fisheries for chum salmon with the intent to minimize, to the extent practicable, the harvest of non-targeted species.
11. In the years 2006 through 2008, the United States' annual total harvest ceiling for chum salmon in Areas 7 and 7A, shall be defined as follows:
- a) It is the intent of the Parties to eliminate the accumulated historical difference (138,000 total, as of the start of 2006), by 2008. Therefore, in any non-critical year in which a portion of the assigned difference is not taken, that portion shall be foregone.
  - b) When the chum salmon run size is below the critical threshold, the base catch ceiling will be 20,000 chum salmon. When the fishery is limited to 20,000 chum salmon, the portion of the accumulated historical difference will not be added to the catch ceiling and the remaining accumulated historical difference will be recalculated and applied to subsequent years, up to and including 2008.