

Chapter 4 Fraser River Sockeye and Pink Salmon

1. The provisions of this Chapter shall apply for the period 1999 through 2010.
2. The U.S. share of the annual Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon Total Allowable Catch (the "TAC"), as defined in paragraph 3 to be harvested in the waters of Washington State is as follows:
 - (a) for sockeye salmon in 1999, the U.S. catch in the Fraser Panel Area shall not exceed 22.4 percent of the TAC;
 - (b) for sockeye salmon in 2000, the U.S. catch in the Fraser Panel Area shall not exceed 20.4 percent of the TAC;
 - (c) for sockeye salmon in 2001, the U.S. catch in the Fraser Panel Area shall not exceed 18.4 percent of the TAC;
 - (d) for sockeye salmon in 2002 through 2010, the U.S. catch in the Fraser Panel Area shall not exceed 16.5 percent of the TAC;
 - (e) for pink salmon, the U.S. catch in the Fraser Panel Area shall not exceed 25.7 percent of the TAC.
3. For the purpose of this Chapter, the TAC shall be defined as the remaining portion of the annual aggregate Fraser River sockeye and pink runs after the spawning escapements, the agreed Fraser River Aboriginal Exemption, and the catch in Panel authorized test fisheries have been deducted. TAC shall be computed separately for Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon. The following definitions apply to TAC calculations:
 - (a) The spawning escapement is that escapement which is a direct result of Fraser River Panel management actions, and, therefore, will reflect the results of inadvertent management error by the Fraser River Panel.
 - (b) For the purposes of in-season management by the Fraser River Panel, the spawning escapement objective is the target set by Canada including any extra requirements that may be determined by Canada and agreed to by the Fraser River Panel, for natural, environmental, or stock assessment factors, to ensure the fish reach the spawning grounds at target levels. Any additional escapement amounts believed necessary by Canada for reasons other than the foregoing will not affect the U.S. catch.
 - (c) The agreed Fraser River Aboriginal Fishery Exemption is that number of sockeye which is subtracted from the total run size in determining the TAC upon which the U.S. shares specified in paragraph 2 are calculated. Any Canadian harvests in excess of these amounts count against the TAC, and do not affect the U.S. share. The agreed Fraser River Aboriginal Fishery Exemption is 400,000 sockeye annually from 1999 to the expiration of this Chapter.
 - (d) For computing TAC by stock management groupings, the Fraser River Aboriginal Fishery Exemption shall be allocated to management groups using the average proportional distribution of this harvest for the most recent three cycles unless otherwise agreed.