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Native Commercial Fishery Continues Non-Aboriginal Fishery Remains Closed

Delta, B.C. – “The commercial fishery in the Fraser River has been shut for nearly two weeks, yet aboriginal commercial fisheries continue at full tilt,” said John Cummins, M.P. (Delta-Richmond East).

Many of the aboriginal fishermen who fish in the commercial fishery open to all Canadian citizens continue to fish in the separate aboriginal commercial fishery openings that have taken place since the closure of the commercial fishery on Labour Day.

The Department of Fisheries claimed it was necessary to close the commercial fishery to protect endangered Coho.

“DFO is allowing natives to fish while non-aboriginal commercial fishermen have been forced to stand on the dock and watch aboriginal commercial fishermen enjoy two additional weeks of fishing,” noted Cummins. “Government sanctioned segregation of the work place should have no place in the twenty-first century.”

The following aboriginal commercial fisheries for sockeye have continued to operate since the closures of commercial fishery in the Fraser River:

Chehalis and Scowlitz First Nations	Sumas River to Agassiz, Yale Creek to Sawmill Creek	7 days	18:00 Wednesday Sep 01	18:00 Wednesday Sep 08	Sockeye	set net
Lower Fraser First Nations (Signatories)	Mission to Sawmill Creek	3 days	18:00 Sunday Sep 05	18:00 Wednesday Sep 08	Sockeye	set net
Chehalis and Scowlitz First Nations	Harrison River	24 hrs	18:00 Tuesday Sep 07	18:00 Wednesday Sep 08	Sockeye	set net, drift net, beach seine
Chehalis and Scowlitz First Nations	Sumas River to Agassiz, Yale Creek to Sawmill Creek	24 hrs	18:00 Tuesday Sep 07	18:00 Wednesday Sep 08	Sockeye	set net
Chehalis and Scowlitz First Nations	Sumas River to Agassiz, Yale Creek to Sawmill Creek	12 hrs	06:00 Wednesday Sep 08	18:00 Wednesday Sep 08	Sockeye	drift net
Lower Fraser First Nations (Signatories)	Mission to Sawmill Creek	60 hrs	07:00 Monday Sep 06	19:00 Wednesday Sep 08	Sockeye	drift net

Tsawwassen First Nation		11 hrs	08:30 Thursday Sep 09	19:00 Thursday Sep 09	Sockeye	seine, purse, salmon
Tsawwassen First Nation		12 hrs	07:00 Friday Sep 10	19:00 Friday Sep 10	Sockeye	seine, purse, salmon
Musqueam First Nation		12 hrs	07:00 Sunday Sep 12	19:00 Sunday Sep 12	Sockeye	seine, purse, salmon
Musqueam First Nation	Below Port Mann Bridge	24 hrs	12:00 Sunday Sep 12	12:00 Monday Sep 13	Sockeye	seine, purse, salmon
Yale First Nation	Hope to Sawmill Creek, Agassiz to Hope	9 hrs	08:00 Wednesday Sep 15	17:00 Wednesday Sep 15	Sockeye	dip net
Lower Fraser First Nations (Signatories)	Mission to Hope, Port Mann to Kanaka Cr/Derby R, Kanaka Cr/Derby Rch to Mission	9 hrs	08:00 Wednesday Sep 15	17:00 Wednesday Sep 15	Sockeye	beach seine
Yale First Nation	Hope to Sawmill Creek, Agassiz to Hope	9 hrs	08:00 Thursday Sep 16	17:00 Thursday Sep 16	Sockeye	dip net
Lower Fraser First Nations (Signatories)	Mission to Hope, Port Mann to Kanaka Cr/Derby R, Kanaka Cr/Derby Rch to Mission	9 hrs	08:00 Thursday Sep 16	17:00 Thursday Sep 16	Sockeye	beach seine

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