

"URGENT"

Rebecca we are writing to express our extreme outrage at the rampant poaching & illegal salmon sales currently on the Fraser River. Be assured our concerns are not based on rumour but on conversations with your Fraser staff & substantiated by Guides & others who frequent the river daily & see the out of control illegal fishing. The bad actors apparently have waiting lists of people waiting to buy fish.

Your C&P staff are doing their best but unable to provide the 24 hour monitoring. We strongly urge you consider bringing in staff from other regions as the Fraser is certainly the provincial hot spot of illegal activity. Be assured our comments are not directed at any sector as we appreciate that illegal acts are not confined to any one sector. We know that responsible people within all sectors find this poaching reprehensible.

As you are aware our sector has been working with your Fraser staff including Terri, Dean & Barb, Elan & Sheldon as well as local F/N reps. We find these meetings productive toward finding solutions re sharing of stocks & providing safe conflict free fisheries. We appreciate that there are many challenges requiring responsible input from all.

We are finding it increasingly difficult to report any positive progress to our members & the public at large when we are closed to fishing & illegal activities seem to be the norm. We understand the extreme frustrations of many anglers & the growing anger. Obviously the current resources on the river cannot do the job & net seizures have little effect. A much stronger DFO presence is required & substantial fines & vehicle seizures must take place. We know that all groups cc'd above share the concern.

Again these are not rumours! Should your staff require further info we can provide. **YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED**

Thank you