

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 6, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., local time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the University of Phoenix, Northern Virginia Campus, 11730 Plaza America Drive, Suite 2000, Reston, VA 20190.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steven Cohen, Defense Acquisition Regulations Directorate, at (703) 602-0293, or [steven.cohen@osd.mil](mailto:steven.cohen@osd.mil).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 300

[I.D. 101603B]

#### Fraser River Sockeye and Pink Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Inseason orders.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes the Fraser River salmon inseason orders regulating salmon fisheries in U.S. waters. The orders were issued by the Fraser River Panel (Panel) of the Pacific Salmon Commission (Commission) and subsequently approved and issued by NMFS during the 2003 sockeye and pink salmon fisheries within the U.S. Fraser River Panel Area. These orders established fishing times, areas, and types of gear for U.S. treaty Indian and all-citizen fisheries during the period the Commission exercised jurisdiction over these fisheries. Due to the frequency with which inseason orders are issued, publication of individual orders is impracticable. The 2003 orders are therefore being published in this document to avoid fragmentation.

**DATES:** Each of the following inseason actions was effective upon announcement on telephone hotline numbers as specified at 50 CFR 300.97(b)(1); those dates and times are listed herein. Comments will be accepted through November 10, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to D. Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., BIN C15700-Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070. Information

relevant to this document is available for public review during business hours at the office of the Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Cantillon, (206) 526-4140.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada concerning Pacific Salmon was signed at Ottawa, Canada, on January 28, 1985, and subsequently was given effect in the United States by the Pacific Salmon Treaty Act (Act) at 16 U.S.C. 3631-3644.

Under authority of the Act, Federal regulations at 50 CFR Part 300 Subpart F provide a framework for implementation of certain regulations of the Commission and inseason orders of the Commission's Panel for U.S. sockeye and pink salmon fisheries in the Fraser River Panel Area.

The regulations close the U.S. portion of the Fraser River Panel Area to U.S. sockeye and pink salmon fishing unless opened by Panel regulation or by inseason regulations published by NMFS that give effect to Panel orders. During the fishing season, NMFS may issue regulations that establish fishing times and areas consistent with the Commission agreements and inseason orders of the Panel. Such orders must be consistent with domestic legal obligations. The Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, issues the inseason orders. Official notification of these inseason actions of NMFS is provided by two telephone hotline numbers described at 50 CFR 300.97(b)(1). Inseason orders must be published in the **Federal Register** as soon as practicable after they are issued. Due to the frequency with which inseason orders are issued, publication of individual orders is impractical. Therefore, the 2003 orders are being published in this document to avoid fragmentation.

The following inseason orders were adopted by the Panel and issued for U.S. fisheries by NMFS during the 2003 fishing season. The times listed are local times, and the areas designated are Puget Sound Management and Catch Reporting Areas as defined in the Washington State Administrative Code at Chapter 220-22.

**Order No. 2003-02: Issued 1 p.m., July 25, 2003.**

#### *Treaty Indian Fisheries*

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Open to drift gill nets from 4 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2003, to 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, July 30, 2003.

**Order No. 2003-02: Issued 2 p.m., July 29, 2003.**

#### *Treaty Indian Fisheries*

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Extended to drift gill nets from 12 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, July 30 to 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 2, 2003.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to net fishing from 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 30, 2003, until 11 a.m., Thursday, July 31, 2003.

#### *All-Citizen Fisheries*

Areas 7 and 7A Gillnet: Open to fishing from 12 p.m. (noon) until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 2003.

Areas 7 and 7A Purse Seine: Open to fishing from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Friday, August 1, 2003.

Areas 7 and 7A Reef Net: Open to fishing from 9:00 a.m. until 9 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2003.

**Order No. 2003-03: Issued 2 p.m., August 1, 2003.**

#### *Treaty Indian Fisheries*

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Extended for drift gill nets from 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 2, 2003, to 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 6, 2003.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to net fishing from 4 a.m., Monday, August 4, 2003 until 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 6, 2003.

#### *All-Citizen Fisheries*

Areas 7 and 7A Gill Net: Open from 8 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6 and from 8 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2003.

Areas 7 and 7A Purse Seine: Open from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, and from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2003.

Areas 7 and 7A Reef Net: Open from 5:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, and from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Sunday, August 3, 2003.

**Order No. 2003-04: Issued 4 p.m., August 4, 2003.**

#### *Treaty Indian Fisheries*

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Extended for drift gill nets from 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 6, 2003, to 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 9, 2003.

**Order No. 2003-05: Issued 3:30 p.m., August 5, 2003.**

#### *All-Citizen Fisheries*

Areas 7 and 7A Reef Net: Open from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2003.