

Warning: Anglers

After a startling increase over the past few days of recreational anglers being admitted to hospitals in Mission and Abbotsford with serious infections, doctors on duty stated that anglers with any open wounds should use great caution or refrain from standing in - or washing their hands altogether in - any slow moving freshwater. This warning comes after doctors uncovered evidence that two fishermen contracted *Aeromonas hydrophila* bacteria from washing their dirty hands in seemingly clean freshwater. Doctors have warned that *A. Hydrophila* bacteria (which comes from human sewage) is present in the Fraser and other local rivers at all times and can cause massive trauma to the human body (i.e., gas bubbles in the musculature, liquefaction of muscle tissue and organs, gangrene, serious infections etc. "If you do have an open wound and wash your hands in water where you happen to be fishing, and you notice any immediate redness or swelling, get to a hospital as soon as you can," doctors warned. This is serious stuff and no joke! One angler I know was admitted to the emergency ward in Abbotsford's MSA Hospital recently at 1 o'clock after standing in the Fraser River with an exposed cut on his leg while fishing for sockeye salmon. For the unfortunate but lucky angler, the result will be a week of work missed and the headache of being hooked up to intravenous for four days. Ken Kristian, August 04, 2003.

Fly and drift tips for Sockeye



Sockeye Green - Bob Jansen custom designed this fly for the Fraser River. When fishing for sockeye, this is the only fly that Bob uses. Bob's Story:

Many people say that the appearance of the fly means very little when sockeye fishing, however, that theory has been proven wrong many times. Between my friends and I, we have caught literally thousands of sockeye over the last 5 years using this fly only. Sockeye Green Color: Lime green Hook: 4 to 81. Dress hook 2. Tie in an 1/8 inch strip of lime green edge brite 3. Wrap thread to thorax 4. Wrap an 1/8 inch strip of tinfoil, shiny side up, from the back of the hook to the thorax and tie off 5. Wrap edge brite to thorax, be sure to overlap each wrap or fly



will come apart after a few fish 6. Tie in a dark green hackle feather, using hackle pliers, wrap feather to the eye of the hook 7. Tie off and whip finish Be sure that the hackle is thick and full, sometimes two hackle feathers can be used, or to add variety-- try tying a pink or orange hackle feather in first then the green over top. Optional: There is no tail required for this fly, however, when the Pinks are running in the system you can tie on a pink tail and you will catch more Pinks than sockeye. Remove the tail and you will catch more sockeye then Pinks. If tied correctly, this fly will catch 30 to 50 fish before it starts

finding success using 12ft leaders; ie., use 15lb. main line slip on a piece of surgical tubing [1/4" long] then a swivel. Insert a piece of pencil lead into the surgical tubing and on the other end of the swivel attach a 12 ft 12lb leader with a corkie slipped on the business end. Tie on a #2 hook using a bait knot — 'sock it to 'em.'. Note: the money in the pic is a canadian dime which is 5/8" in diameter. Also instead of pencil rig above and if you have lots of cash to burn buy a bouncing betty rig - ask at your favourite tackle shop.

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Icon for BC at increased risk

VANCOUVER, August 6, 2003 – Severe federal and provincial funding cuts in salmon conservation and research activities is a major concern of the Pacific Fisheries Resource Conservation Council (PFRCC). The ability of stewardship groups to continue their work, for example, is being compromised – if not decimated – by spending reductions.

This is one finding in the Council's fifth annual report, released today. To obtain a copy of PFRCC Annual Report 2002-2003, go to: www.fish.bc.ca (967 KB Adobe Acrobat PDF)

"The protection of wild Pacific salmon requires major resources and commitment by both levels of government. The PFRCC is concerned that resources are decreasing rather than increasing," said the Honourable John A. Fraser, chair of the PFRCC. "In habitat restoration and protection, British Columbia may be continuing to lose its overall capacity to maintain the water conditions essential for salmon, and to provide sufficient safeguards and resources for salmon recovery."

Highlighting that concern is the urgent situation facing Cultus Lake sockeye populations, which are so low that there is a risk of extinction." Only limited progress has been made by governments towards understanding the causes of the collapse of these once valuable and productive populations," Mr. Fraser added.

The past year was an intensively productive one for the PFRCC. Among the tasks completed and summarized in this year's report: two advisories on salmon aquaculture and one major study reviewing the issue; the initiation of a major study investigating low-water issues; and a full status review of southern BC stocks, with a status review of northern and central stocks to be released later in the year; and, presentations to the House of Commons and Senate fisheries committees.

Speaking before the Senate in March, Mr. Fraser noted: "The value of the wild salmon resource to British Columbians is beyond that of a commercial food source. Salmon are important for tourism, lodges, guides, and support industries such as boat building. More than that, salmon are an icon for all

British Columbians." According to the PFRCC, the salmon story of the year is the continuous decline of government funding and support of salmon conservation activities.

"There have been significant and persistent budget cutbacks in virtually all areas of fisheries management. Most recently, the Fisheries Renewal BC program has been terminated. The federal Pacific Fisheries Adjustment and Restructuring Program annual funding of about \$8.1 million per year for habitat conservation and stewardship programs has run out. Even before these most recent expenditure reductions, resources were not adequate to ensure the basic protection and conservation of salmon populations," the Council says in its report.

"[As well], we are concerned that current approaches to prevent damage are now being replaced by attention to the end results. This may make sense in the financial world but we are concerned about its use in preventing damage to fish habitat. If poor judgment or improper assumptions occur, the harm will have been done – we want to prevent damage not police problems."

Touching on the issue of federal-provincial cooperation and jurisdiction with respect to salmon habitat, the PFRCC notes: "Over a period of many years, the governments of Canada and British Columbia worked towards creating a seamless regulatory structure in fisheries management and conservation. The budget cuts and establishment of new regulatory regimes, such as a results-based approach, are threatening to create perilous regulatory gaps and expose salmon stocks to more serious risk. Both levels of government must proceed more prudently with any budget reductions and regulatory changes to ensure that they do not inadvertently expose the salmon stocks to more serious harm."

The Pacific Fisheries Resource Conservation Council was established in 1998. Its role is to provide independent, strategic advice and relevant information to Canada's and British Columbia's fisheries ministers as well as to the Canadian public on the status and long-term sustainable use of wild salmon stocks and their freshwater and ocean habitats. <http://www.fish.bc.ca>