



Interview Opportunity

Countdown to Cohen – Scientists available to interpret the Final Report of the *Cohen Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River*

The much anticipated Final Report of the \$26 million *Cohen Commission* is expected to be released by September 30th, 2012.

In reporting on Canada's first inquiry into the plight of Pacific salmon, Justice Bruce Cohen will lay out his findings and recommendations from 18 months of public hearings, 15 technical reports, and mountains of crucial and previously confidential information.

Watershed Watch Salmon Society's Executive Director, Dr. Craig Orr and Fisheries Biologist, Stan Proboszcz attended the Cohen evidentiary hearings, and also compiled a "*Synopsis of Key Evidence from the Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Fraser River Sockeye*" available [at this link](#).

They are available to assist with interpreting the Cohen Inquiry evidence and the Final Report's recommendations in light of their participation and comprehensive review of the Inquiry.

Overall, the evidence indicates that many factors contribute cumulatively to the decline of Fraser River Sockeye, and their review of the material suggests specific mitigation measures to remedy many of those factors.

To arrange an interview please contact:

- **Dr. Craig Orr, Executive Director, Watershed Watch Salmon Society - 604-809-2799**
- **Stan Proboszcz, Fisheries Biologist, Watershed Watch Salmon Society - 604-314-2713**

For relevant documents see the "Cohen Report Tracker" [at this link](#). Includes news items, a synopsis of key evidence, and the SOS Marine Conservation Foundation's final submission to the Cohen Commission.

Watershed Watch Salmon Society has been watching out for B.C.'s wild salmon since 1998. Our focus is to elevate the dialogue surrounding wild salmon and to improve our chances of saving them. Watershed Watch believes that real changes in attitude and behaviour are based on understanding, and that significant understanding requires a broad and deep appreciation of a wide range of habitat, harvest, and management issues. www.watershed-watch.org

The SOS Marine Conservation Foundation is a group of successful business leaders, entrepreneurs and philanthropists brought together to protect B.C.'s wild salmon stocks and the marine environment from negative impacts of open net-cage salmon farms and establish B.C. as a leader in creating a globally renowned, stable and viable aquaculture industry. www.saveoursalmon.ca