### **FVAFS Structure**



SOCIETY(FVAFS)

**ABORIGINAL FRASER VAL** 

**FISHERIES** 

- 1 Fisheries Manager

- 2 trained over flight
- 2 Qualified Boat operators

### **FVAFS Objectives**



- data on all fisheries. Keeping accurate numbers and
- By protecting and preserving the for providing future generations. salmon we are being responsible

#### Brief Summary



- out enforcement the tools needed to carry training, equipped with al Enforcement Officers (Guardians) with qualified
- **Enforcement Police Officer** on Loan from VPD
- Biologists
- Media Advisors
- Lawyers



# Responsibilities of Supervisors and Catch Monitors



- Supervisors and Monitors is to Port Mann Bridge to Sawmill from each fishery opening from ensure accurate data is collected
- When fisheries are over the data is forwarded to DFO within 24

### food fishery This program was originally starte in 1989 with Sto:lo Nation Society

**Catch Monitor Program** 





### Site Locations



- Katzie Dock, Barnston Island, Kwantlen Dock, Ridgedale, Whonock Dock, Matsqui First
- From Mission to Harrision:
- Leq'a:mel, Sumas, Bowman's Mill, Skway, Skwah, Island 22, Scowlitz, Chehalis



# Duties of Catch Monitors

- Counting by species all fish landed, recording all required data onto a landing slip and issuing a copy of the landing slip to the person authorized to land the fish:
   Identifying other Participants for whom the Participant may be transporting or landing fish and ensuring that the Participants name and number is also recorded on the landing slip:

# Site Locations Cont.



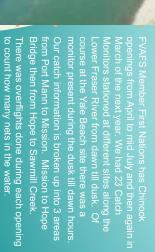
- Peters Reserve, Shxw'ow'hamel Reserve, Chawathil Reserve, Seabird Island Reserve
- From Hope to Sawmill:
- Chawathil (Haig), Coquihalla, Bell Crossing and Yale Beach

# Duties of Catch Monitors Cont.



- Collecting biological samples including weekly scale samples from approximately 240 sockeye in 2 locations: the Fraser River near Chilliwack and the Fraser River near Yale:
  Collecting heads and scale samples from those coho and chinook salmon and steelhead with missing adipose fins landed at Landing Sites after obtaining the necessary permission; and Collecting other biological samples as may be requested and agreed to (e.g. chinook DNA samples).
- Collecting Coded Wired Tags (CWT) from chinook.

## **Chinook Fisheries**



# Duties of Catch Monitors Cont.



- DFO original (white) and DFO copy (yellow) to remain in the landing slip book and to be placed in the secure lock box at the Landing Site location it
- and the Bands, such as Selective
- (Beach Seining ,Ceremonials Eulachon etc.)

Catch monitors are trained to accurately collect and report data from the licensed fishery openings. The monitoring program is a vital instrument in the preservation of the fish stocks in the Fraser River.

Overview

The Catch Monitor Program has validated itself by being accountable to DFO,the public and First Nations.

By providing accurate data information it has proven to be an asset in the management of our fishing resource.

## Sockeye Openings



- -or the Sockeye openings we had 50 trained catch monitors stationed at each site for the full 24 hour period of each opening.
- Over flights are done every 24 hours.
- Four supervisors visit their designated sites to make sure that the monitors have everything they need to carry out their duties.





The FVAFS takes great pride in their work, we enjoy working with our people and for our people we have to take care of our finned friends for our grandchildren's

### **Chum Fisheries**

- Chum fisheries are done in two techniques, beach seine and gi net.
- Beach sening is primarily an Economic Opportunity Fishery. Monitors are stationed with each crew, and every fish is counted. These fisheries are strictly monitored as we are hell to a set quota and usually last 4-6 days.
- similar to sockeye gill netting set nets and Drift nets are usually used for FSC fisherie. Over flights are conducted in the middle of the fishery.

### Thank You

THE END

Sturgeon, Wild Steelhead & Coho Catch and Release

During each fishery there is a catc and release clause calling for the release of all live Sturgeon, wild Steelhead and Coho.