

Virtual meeting today detailed info on F/N chinook fishery to date. Total F/N catch was 53 fish. Ongoing battle with pinipeds attacking fish in nets. Further indicator of severity of pinped issue & all in agreement solutions must be found. Will be pursued further LFCT forum . Estimate return of chinook to hatchery in area of 2000 fish. Puts into perspective the 53 killed by F/N & dispelled any rumours that the netting could destroy the run. The sonar stock assessment at the bridge was very useful info & demonstrated a system that could enhance badly needed stock assessments on rivers where we have requested non retention fisheries. Certainly an option we should pursue in our DFO meeting within the SFAB & outside.

It was acknowledged by the F/N fishers that the dealings between the sectors the Vedder were cordial & significant interest in how both the fisheries & sonar assessment worked. . Be assured other F/N's will be seeking similar fisheries so the protocols established on the Vedder will serve as a model for other fisheries. Best we all accept that this sharing of fisheries is the new future & it's best we continue to develop relationships which promote respectful sharing & appreciation of the tremendous social & economic for all fishers.

Similar positive meetings & communication re the Chehalis fishery