

## **Fraser River Sockeye Assessment Lottery Winner Announced!!!**

The Pacific Salmon Commission, in conjunction with the universities, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and LGL Limited conducted two coordinated tagging studies on migrating Fraser River sockeye from July-November 2006. A total of 660 radio transmitters and 514 acoustic transmitters were applied to sockeye in the marine areas to assess the migration behaviour and survival of Late-run sockeye stocks; and 378 additional radio transmitters were applied in the Lower Fraser River to assess losses between Mission and the spawning grounds for other run timing groups. Over 200 transmitters were recorded as being recovered within the marine and freshwater environments. However, only 122 transmitters returned by fishers were eligible for the lottery as the remaining recovered transmitters were either not returned to LGL Limited; or only the associated spaghetti/floy tag was found; or the transmitters was recovered by Department of Fisheries and Oceans staff or contractors. Bryan Kong of Langley was randomly selected as the winner of the \$1000 dollar lottery. Bryan Kong is a sport fisher that recovered the fish in Chilliwack. **Congratulations to Bryan Kong!** We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the other fishers that participated in the lottery. The recovery information is a vital part of the project and we greatly appreciate the time and effort it took to forward the information. If you have any questions at all in regards to the lottery or the study please feel free to call 1-866-221-3444.