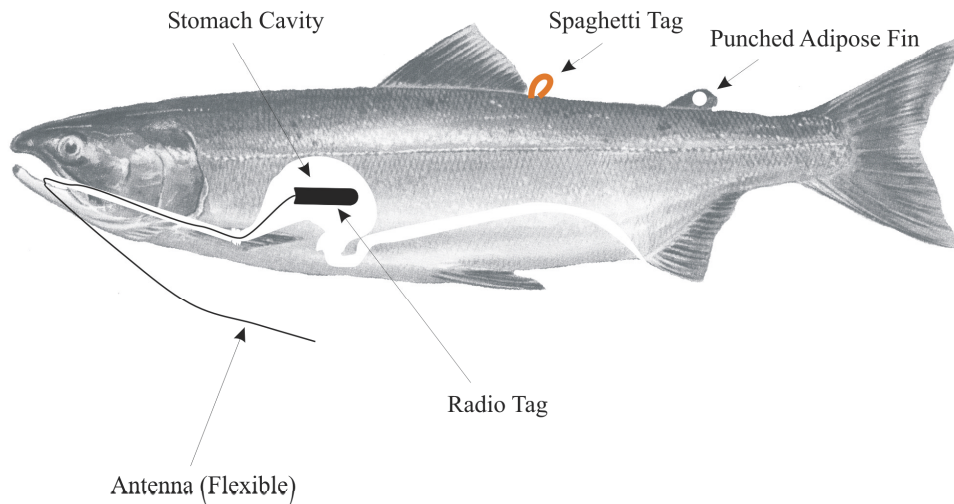


ATTENTION FISHERS

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), in conjunction with the Pacific Salmon Commission, is conducting an internationally funded tagging study on migrating Fraser River sockeye in July-October 2002. The objectives of this study are to obtain information on the migration timing and survival of Late-run sockeye. Recently, many Late-run sockeye have entered the Fraser River earlier than normal and have died before spawning. This abnormal behaviour poses a serious conservation risk to all Late-run stocks including the world-famous Adams River run.

Approximately, 1000 radio tags will be applied to sockeye in marine and freshwater areas. Radio-transmitters will be inserted into the stomach of each fish. Radio tagged fish will be evident by a thin wire antenna protruding from the mouth and an external, orange spaghetti-shaped cinch tag attached behind the dorsal fin. Radio tagged fish will be tracked as they enter the Fraser River and throughout the watershed as they migrate toward their spawning grounds.

If you catch a fish with an external orange spaghetti tag and a radio tag in the stomach, please remove the radio tag and the spaghetti tag and contact DFO at once at one of the phone numbers listed below. Individuals returning radio tags to DFO along with information on time and place of capture will be sent the complete tracking history of the fish and a small token of appreciation for participating in the study.



The information obtained through your cooperation in returning these tags will directly contribute to improved management and conservation of Fraser River sockeye. Thank you for your interest and cooperation!

If you catch a radio tagged fish or you have any questions related to this study, please call one of the following two phone numbers:

Lower Mainland: 604 666 8833

BC Interior (Kamloops): 250 851 7705

U.S. Areas: 1-604 666 8833

For further information on Late-run sockeye abnormal behaviour, please check the Pacific Salmon Commission's web site at: www.psc.org/Pubs/LateRun/index.htm