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This is the just-finished report on the Pacific Salmon Commission's bilateral scientific workshop on the decline of Fraser River sockeye held in Nanaimo on June 15-17, 2010. It reflects the considered scientific judgments and advice of its authors. The Commission respects and has great confidence in the expertise and objectivity of the scientists who responded to our request to prepare presentations and/or otherwise participate in the workshop, and is very appreciative of their contributions. This especially includes the Expert Advisory Panel, chaired by Dr. Randall Peterman of Simon Fraser University, whom we entrusted to oversee the workshop and produce this report. Given the length and complexity of the report and the Commission's limited schedule of bilateral meetings, the Commission has not yet discussed or acted upon the report; that will occur within the next few months. The report is being released at this time so that it may make a timely contribution to the current scientific and public discourse concerning the status of Fraser sockeye.

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