

Subject: FW: Inventory of Chinook Salmon

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Since our stakeholders meeting last December, we have experienced some additional mortality of chinook salmon at the Salmon River Fish Hatchery. We now anticipate about 850,000 fish will be available for stocking in spring 2008 which is about 15% less than our projection. We expect to allocate the fish in approximately the same ratio that we had discussed earlier.

The additional mortality occurred between the eyed egg stage and hatch, which is another indication that last fall's warmer temperatures and subsequent stress simply left the fish in relatively poor condition. Ontario also experienced additional mortality in their chinook as well. Fortunately, the fish are now doing very well, and barring any unforeseen diseases, we should be in good shape through the spring. We will provide specific details for each stocking when we get closer to the stocking date.

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