

Preface

The World Summit on Salmon evolved in response to growing concerns of scientists and others about the future of the salmon stocks of the world, in light of the recent collapses of a number of the fish stocks globally, including Canada's North Atlantic Cod. Participants in the three-day workshop examined the factors associated with the collapse and subsequent efforts at restoration of fish stocks with the hope of applying the lessons learned to improve the outlook for the future of wild salmon in the Atlantic and Pacific. The summit was held at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue at Simon Fraser University, a venue particularly well-suited for face-to-face dialogue given its UN-style format.

This volume is a collection of most of the papers presented at the Summit and incorporates the dialogue among all summit participants. A detailed agenda for the program can be found at: www.sfu.ca/cstudies/science/summit.htm.

Comments from some of the participants about the workshop

"I can say it [The World Summit on Salmon] is the most important conference in which I have participated, in that the most important environmental problems of our time have been brought to national and international attention, and the urgent and necessary solutions that must be applied to sustain our salmon and marine resources." Dr. R. John Gibson, Research Scientist, "Coasts Under Stress" Research Project, Memorial University of Newfoundland, July 7, 2003.

"While some may say that calling the gathering a 'World Salmon Summit' is presumptuous, I think it was aptly named, given the breadth of participation and the breadth and depth of presentations." Jan Konigsberg, Trout Unlimited, Anchorage Alaska.

"...this was a fabulous conference – one of the very best that I've ever attended." Robert Mazurek, Fisheries Research Biologist, Seafood Watch, Monterey Bay Aquarium, California

"I thought it was a most successful meeting, one of the best I have ever attended on salmon, with a very wide reach. I appreciated the invitation to participate, and found it most stimulating." Malcolm Windsor, North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization, Scotland

"...it [the World Summit on Salmon] was the best I've ever been to." Marc Porter, Habitat Inventory Biologist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

The World Summit on Salmon is the 14th project in The Speaking for the Salmon series. This series, launched by Continuing Studies in Science at Simon Fraser University in January 1998, examines issues impacting the survival of wild salmon in British Columbia. Projects in the series include workshops, think tanks, proceedings and reports and to date include information pertaining to sea lice, nutrients and salmon production, hatcheries, aquaculture, wild salmon policy and more. Information about the series (including proceedings) is available on our web site: <http://www.sfu.ca/cstudies/science/salmon.htm>.

