

CHAPTER 33

Development of the Canadian Wild Salmon Policy

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Abstract

The need for a Wild Salmon Policy was spelled out in DFO's 1998 policy document entitled "A New Direction for Canada's Pacific Salmon Fisheries". This "New Directions" document set out twelve principles based on three elements: conservation, sustainable use and improved decision making. The Wild Salmon Policy is one in a series of papers written subsequent to the release of the New Directions policy paper. A draft Wild Salmon Policy Discussion paper was the subject of extensive consultation in 2000, the results of which have guided revisions to the policy. Currently, work is underway to develop operational guidelines for fisheries management, habitat, enhancement and aquaculture and a decision framework that links these guidelines with the policy principles. The policy is scheduled for release in late 2003.

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