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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Fraser River Sockeye Public Review Board was established in 1994 by the Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) in response to the near collapse of several sockeye salmon runs in the Fraser River watershed, including the Adams River run. The board, chaired by John A. Fraser, conducted an independent investigation into the management of Fraser River sockeye; it had full access to DFO files and personnel, conducted ten days of public meetings and received over 130 formal submissions. The report produced a number of recommendations to improve DFO's management of sockeye in the Fraser River and is available here: <http://www.sfu.ca/cstudies/science/resources/salmon/FraserRiverSockeye1994.pdf>.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Hon. John Fraser was born in Yokohama, Japan and raised in Vancouver. He graduated from the University of British Columbia and practised law until his election to the House of Commons. During his years in Parliament, John Fraser served in key positions, including Minister for the Environment and Minister of Fisheries. He was the first person to have been elected Speaker of the House of Commons by his peers, a practice instituted in 1986. In 1994, John Fraser was selected to head the Fraser River Sockeye Public Review Board investigating the salmon fishery. He subsequently represented Canada as Ambassador for the Environment, responsible for Canadian follow-up to commitments made at the United Nations Rio Conference on Environment and Development. John Fraser is a Queen's Counsel, an officer of the Order of Canada, and a member of the Order of British Columbia and he holds the Canadian Forces

Decoration. In 1999, he was awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degrees by Simon Fraser University and St. Lawrence University for his contributions to environmental causes.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records resulting from the activities of the Fraser River Sockeye Public Review Board in preparing their report to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the dramatic disappearance of several million sockeye salmon which normally would have migrated to the Fraser River watershed in 1994. Records include reports, notes, research, public submissions, correspondence and legal documents.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of fonds.

Restrictions on access

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Access points

- Fraser, John (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Environment (subject)
- Natural resources (subject)