



Pacific Salmon Allocation Policy – Yukon Update

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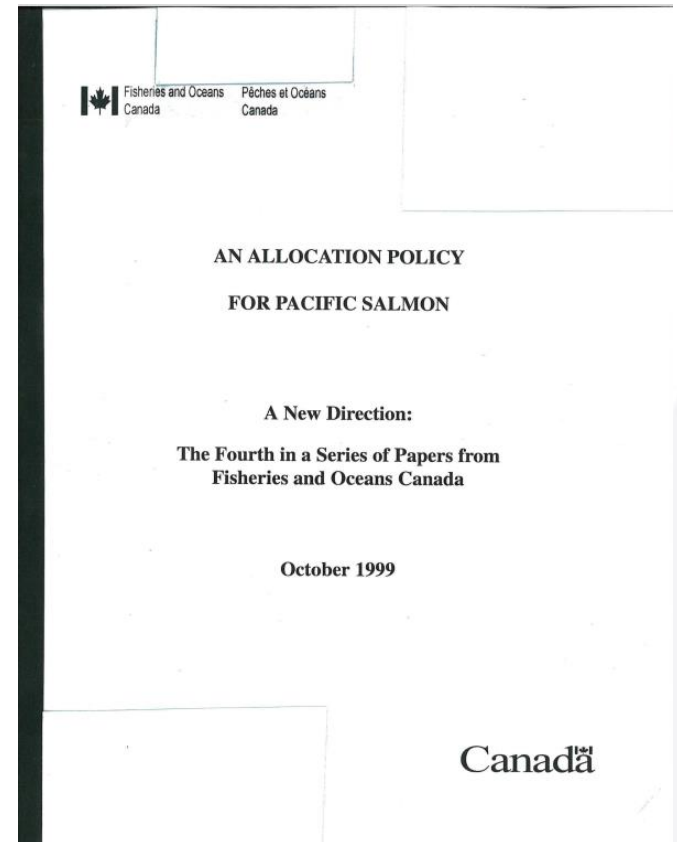
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Pacific Salmon Allocation Policy: History

- 1999 Allocation Policy for Pacific Salmon (<https://waves-vagues.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Library/240366.pdf>)
- In April 2018, (then) Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Dominic LeBlanc released a statement confirming that the 1999 Pacific Salmon Allocation Policy (SAP) will be reviewed / renewed / updated.



Pacific Salmon Allocation Policy (SAP):

What is the 1999 SAP?

- Describes the principles used by Canada to allocate salmon for:
 - Conservation
 - First Nation food, social and ceremonial fisheries
 - Recreational (public angling) fisheries
 - Commercial fisheries
- Describes principles allocating salmon within commercial fisheries among gear types / by species.
- Majority of the SAP details and complexities are only applicable in B.C. salmon / to B.C. salmon fisheries.

Pacific Salmon Allocation Policy (SAP): *Yukon Approach*

- Current vision is to replace the 1999 SAP with two separate policies – one for B.C. and one for Yukon.
 - This approach will respect existing salmon allocation commitments within Yukon First Nation Final Agreements.
- *Draft* Yukon Salmon Allocation Policy (i.e. working paper) will be developed based on 1999 SAP:
 - Yukon-relevant aspects of the existing SAP that align with how salmon are allocated and fisheries administered in the Yukon;
 - Pre-existing and priority of allocation commitments set out in the Yukon First Nation Final Agreements;
 - The need to reflect the nature and types of fisheries, as well as the different jurisdictional considerations that exist in the Yukon.
 - No changes to priority of allocation / principles proposed.

Pacific Salmon Allocation Policy (SAP): Yukon Approach Continued

- In early 2022, DFO will present the working paper to the YSSC requesting review (which may involve engagement with Yukon First Nations and stakeholders) and recommendation.
- Ideally the YSSC would provide recommendation(s) to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans on the Yukon Salmon Allocation Policy working paper by late 2022 / early 2023.



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