



# Notice to Chilliwack/Vedder Anglers

## Adipose-clipped Sockeye Alert

Beginning in 2004, adipose-clipped sockeye will be returning to Cultus Lake. These enhanced fish are part of a recovery program effort to rebuild the numbers. The adipose clip is the only mark which allows biologists to differentiate between wild and enhanced fish while giving the fish its best chance for survival.

**Do not mistake these fish with coho or any of the other salmon species.**

**If you catch an adipose-clipped fish ensure it is not a sockeye before deciding to retain it.** Cultus Lake sockeye migrate through the Chilliwack/Vedder and into Cultus Lake from late July to early December.

All **sockeye** in the Chilliwack–Vedder **must** be released unharmed.

### Sockeye

- no spots on tail or body
- almost toothless, with prominent, glassy eyes
- v-shaped tail
- white mouth



### Coho

- spots on upper body & upper half of tail
- bright silver with a metallic blue dorsal surface
- white gums, black tongue



**Cultus Lake Sockeye are ENDANGERED**

Over the next few years the expected return is extremely low.

**Every fish counts!**

It's every sport fisher's responsibility to know their fish and the regulations.

If you capture a sockeye in the Chilliwack/Vedder,  
please **release the fish unharmed.**