

Pacific Salmon Sportfishing Committee

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There is a lot of talk about
throwing the sport fishermen off the ocean...
...unfortunately, it's not just talk.

On August 4, 1981, Federal Judge Walter Craig, ruled that the treaty Indians are entitled to catch their 50 percent of the salmon, river by river, run by run. This means that almost all of the salmon must return to their stream of origin before the division between Indians and non-Indians can be made.

This also means that sport fishing on the ocean for Chinook and Coho could simply come to a very loud, HALT!

This action by Judge Craig, if left standing, could take the private sport fishing boats and charter boats off the ocean. This is why I'm writing to you today. Because, I assume that you not only want to know about this judicial ruling but, that you are concerned with its consequences and want to do something about it.

Well, fellow salmon fishermen, here's how you can help.

The Pacific Salmon Sportfishing Committee has been formed by independent salmon sport fishermen, sport fishing groups, charter boat people, and some business' who cater to the salmon fishermen here on the Pacific Coast.

The Committee has been organized to protect and enhance the salmon fishery as a vitally important resource through litigation on major issues involving fisheries and related regulations. So far, our fight to save the right to fish for salmon on the ocean has cost \$35,000 in legal fees. However, because of Judge Craig's 'river by river' ruling, we now know that we must raise an additional \$50,000 in order to overturn his decision...and there is a very good chance that we can do this.

That's a huge sum of money to raise...but if each of us joins in with a voluntary contribution, we can sustain this litigation in court and, hopefully, eliminate this insidious river by river, run by run system.

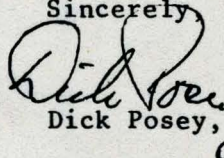
We need to act now...we need your help now...we must keep the courts from throwing us off the water.

If you contribute \$5.00 or more, we will put you on our Committee, mail you a very good looking Salmon Committee patch for your jacket or cap, and also keep you posted on all our actions with our Committee newsletter, the Reporter.

Unfortunately, the Indian commercial fishermen have a 'herd' of lawyers working for them, paid for, in part, with your tax dollars. Our efforts in court must depend on contributions. It hardly seems fair but, that's the way it is. However, we are determined to carry this fight until we win!

Will you help us, please?

Sincerely


Dick Posey, Chairman

Yes, I want to help save our salmon fishery. Here's my contribution to the legal effort. Please be sure that I receive the "Reporter" so that I can keep informed. Also send me my Committee patch.

Contribution enclosed \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100

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