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PERMIT REPORT FOR 1977
TERRACE DISTRICT SUB-DISTRICT

Indian Food Fishery

The changes implemented into the Indian Food Fishery in 1976 were continued into 1977, namely permits were issued to Band Councils rather than to individuals. These permits authorized members of the Bands to fish on historical fishing grounds of that particular band. An Indian wanting to fish in an area not covered by the permit held by his Band was required to obtain an individual permit.

Status Indians not belonging to a Band with historical fishing rights are required to obtain an individual fishing permit.

As in 1976, all restrictions (fishing times, methods, place, and amount) were revised by consulting with the Band Councils.

The following is a resume of the arrangements with the various Band Councils in the sub-district concerning the Indian Food Fishery.

Kalum Band

A permit was issued to this Band covering the Skeena River from Terrace downstream to the tidal boundary. Band members were authorized to fish 7 days per week.

Kitselas Band

A permit was issued to this Band covering the Skeena River from Terrace upstream to Legate Creek. Band members were authorized to fish 7 days per week.

Kitwanga Band

This Band was issued a permit covering the Skeena River upstream from Legate Creek to Andimaul Creek. Fishing was permitted 7 days per week.

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Kitsepacla Band

This Band was issued a permit covering the Skeena River from Andimeul Creek upstream to Burdick Creek. Fishing was permitted 7 days per week.

Hazelton, Glen-Vowel, Kispiox Bands

These Bands were issued permits covering the Skeena River from Burdick Creek upstream to the Babine River. Fishing was permitted 7 days per week.

Harwilget Band

This Band was issued a permit covering the Bulkley and Skeena Rivers upstream from Burdick Creek. Fishing was permitted 7 days per week.

Non-Band Status Indians

Non-Band status Indians were issued individual permits on the Skeena River restricting them to various times and places. Time restrictions were instigated as to the individuals need for food fish. Place restrictions were namely one half mile from the C.N.R. bridge across the Skeena River at Terrace.

The following are restrictions placed on the Indian Food Fishery by Public Notice(Section 4B, British Columbia Fishery Regulations) during 1977:

1. Effective March 12, 1977 until June 26, 1977 net fishing was restricted to 39 hours a week, from 6 a.m. Saturday to 9 p.m. Sunday from Terrace downstream to the tidal boundary.
2. Effective April 15, 1977 until June 19, 1977 net fishing was restricted to 48 hours a week, from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Sunday from Terrace upstream to Legate Creek.
3. Effective August 14, 1977 until September 10, 1977 fishing was restricted to 48 hours a week, from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Sunday from Terrace upstream to Legate Creek.

4. Effective August 14, 1977 until further notice, fishing was prohibited from Terrace downstream to the tidal boundary.
5. Effective September 13, 1977 until September 23, 1977 fishing was restricted to 48 hours a week, 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Sunday from Terrace to the tidal boundary.

The following is a resume of the catch figures to the Terrace - Lakelse Sub-District for the period 1973-77.

Year	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Spring	Steelhead
1973	25,000	1,100	4,000	300	1,500	600
1974	40,000	1,500	2,500	300	1,500	1,000
1975	40,000	4,500	5,000	400	2,500	1,000
1976	40,000	2,500	15,000	200	2,000	1,000
1977	40,000	3,000	10,000	300	4,500	700

In 1977 there were 6 Band Permits issued. In addition 80 individual permits were issued, down 19 over 1976. Relations between the Fisheries Service and the Band Councils on the Skeena River seems to have improved. Some problems still exist with the Non-Band members. These people seem to be more inclined to deal in the illegal sale of fish.

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