

# Bulletin

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## CFC Seine Bargaining 2023 Update

As of publication (June 30, 2023), UFAWU-Unifor is engaged in CFC Seine negotiations for 2023.

As of publication, CFC's per pound price offer (after 25% lease) is as follows: \$0.90 for Sockeye Salmon, \$0.15 for Pink Salmon, \$0.65 for Chum Salmon, \$0.50 for Coho Salmon, and \$1.40 for Spring Salmon. CFC has also offered \$0.03/pd to Port Hardy for packing. These prices are significantly lower than both the Union's position and 2022 prices.

In contrast to last year's agreement, CFC has refused to separate the base price and lease in the current agreement.

The outlook for 2023 salmon prices is weak; 2022 was a big year for salmon in Alaska, Bristol Bay and Russia are both projected to have big runs, freezers are still full, and buyers are cautious.

The Union expected a price decrease from last year, but not this low — CFC is projecting a worst-case scenario. The Union has said that fishermen can't take this risk without some guarantee that they will also benefit in a good-case scenario.

For Sockeye, the negotiating committee rejected CFC's initial offer of a \$0.90 minimum price based on a 25% lease. CFC returned with \$1.00 based on a 20% lease. The Union requested a 20% lease guarantee for all prices paid, but CFC has refused so far. CFC's current offer is \$1.10 for the first opening, with a \$0.90 minimum for

future openings.

For Pinks, CFC offered \$0.15 with trip limits based on volume but agreed boats could sell pinks to other buyers if they exceed the trip limits.

On June 22, UFAWU-Unifor informed CFC that a vote would be taken on their offer. Since then, CFC has paid \$1.40 for Barkley Sockeye and has informed skippers that they will pay \$1.40 for Skeena Sockeye as the market is performing better than projected.

The Union's negotiating committee has recommended members vote NO to CFC's current offer.

For the full June 27, 2023, CFC Seine Bargaining 2023 Bulletin — including further information on price negotiations, the UFBF, and Union dues — visit [UFAWU-Unifor.org](http://UFAWU-Unifor.org).

## Important: Vessel Safety Compliance

Attention harvesters, there have been recent reports regarding increased enforcement by Transport Canada on safety violations.

To ensure you are compliant, Transport Canada offers a Small Vessel Compliance Program booklet containing a compliance checklist.

Contact Fish Safe BC ([fishsafebc.com](http://fishsafebc.com)) for a copy of the booklet.



## UFAWU-Unifor In Ottawa

In June, UFAWU Business Agent Emily Orr was in Ottawa bringing much needed focus to Pacific Region fisheries issues.

In company with the CIFHF, Emily met with Minister Murray, the Minister's Policy Advisors, DFO's Reconciliation Leads, DFO's MPA Leads, many Members of Parlia-

ment and specifically those who are Members of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, and Senators. Emily was also able to attend two FOPO sessions on Corporate Concentration and Foreign Ownership and sat in on a Question Period in the House of Commons.

The jam-packed week of meetings was by all accounts impactful and productive.

## Clean Technology Program Accepting Proposals

The Fisheries and Aquaculture Clean Technology Adoption Program (FACTAP) is currently accepting applications for projects that aim to promote clean technology adoption in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

For commercial fisheries, funding is available for those "wishing to purchase and install existing, off-the-shelf clean technologies, processes and sustainable practices into their day-to-day operations."

Past projects have included the addition of

a hydraulic generator, advanced trawl sonar installation, auxiliary engine and longline replacement, catch sensor technology for fishing gear, an energy efficient electrical winch system, and many others.

The program provides financial support for projects to be completed by March 31, 2024, with an application deadline of July 31, 2023. Those interested in receiving feedback and suggestions on their application proposals have the option to submit before July 17, 2023, at 4:00 PM (PST).

For more information and to access the application form, please visit the FACTAP website or contact DFO. PAC.FACTAP-PATTPA. PAC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.



**TOP:** The Canadian parliament buildings in Ottawa.  
**RIGHT:** UFAWU-Unifor Business Agent Emily Orr.

## Last Call For Salmon Survey Submissions!

Attention all commercial salmon harvesters!

Your opinions and concerns about the future

of Pacific Salmon and the commercial salmon fishing industry are needed for a research study conducted by Elias del Valle, a master's student at the University of Victoria.

This study aims to understand the impacts

of current DFO policies and measure trust levels between commercial salmon harvesters and DFO.

If you are an owner-operator, skipper, or crew member in gillnet, seine, or troll fisheries, you are eligible to

participate in a short survey that will take only 5-10 minutes of your time.

The survey will remain open until late July.

For a link to participate, go to [UFAWU-Unifor.org](http://UFAWU-Unifor.org).