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Source: Associated Press

Date: Aug 12, 2013

Aboriginal people in British Columbia who rely on Skeena River sockeye are facing some extremely difficult decisions as sockeye salmon returns plunge to historic lows.

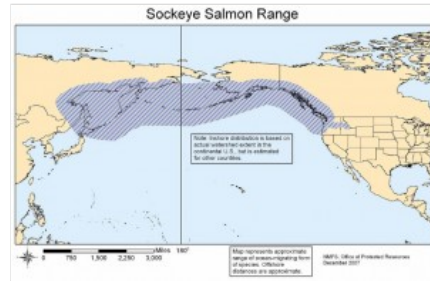
Lake Babine Chief Wilf Adam was on his way to Smithers, B.C., on Monday for a discussion about whether to entirely shut down the food fishery on Lake Babine, something he said would be drastic and unprecedented [...]

Last month, the department noted returns for the Skeena River sockeye run were dire. [...]

[Mel Kotyk, North Coast area director for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans] said department scientists don't know why the return numbers are so low. “[...] we think something happened in the ocean.”

“[...] We've never seen anything like this in all these years I've done this. I've asked the elders and they have never seen anything like this at all.” [said Chief Wilf Adam]

More: “The sockeye runs way up north in the Skeena are low. The [fish] out of Bristol Bay, Alaska is down 30 to 35 per cent over last year. Russia has got a limited number of fish in the market. They are down about 40 per cent over all their salmon fisheries.”



Gundersen: We are going to see top of the food chain animals like tuna and salmon and things like that that bioaccumulate [...] I am concerned that the FDA is not monitoring fish entering the United States [...] I am thinking by 2013 we might see contamination of the water and of the top of the food chain fishes on the West Coast.

Gundersen: Federal and state agencies are not measuring this... I've been working on the West Coast and I've been trying to get the people of Oregon to demand of their state, the people of Alaska to demand of their state: Check the salmon, it is not difficult.

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LegionNetworkCH

August 19, 2013 at 10:28 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Re "We think something happened in the ocean"

MAYBE IT HAPPENED IN THE FISH FACTORIES DON'T YOU THINK?
Evidence found in documentary "Salmon Confidential"

Other factors? Nah... so much bad luck can't happen... /sarc

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ChasAha

August 19, 2013 at 10:41 am [Log in to Reply](#)

NO MENTION of pollution, radiation contamination or FUKUSHIMA as even a possibility or a contributing factor.

That's what stands out to me about this article.

I am concerned, that in the coming years this will look like the good ol' days of fishing. 😞

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jump-ball

August 19, 2013 at 3:49 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

'this will look like the good ol' days of fishing'

Perhaps CA, but then, nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

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ShutItAllDown

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If most of them have died off, I wouldn't want to be eating whatever's left!

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We Not They Finally

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That's the thing. There are LESS fish, but likely the whole supply is UNSAFE. And the Native peoples eat fish as their staple, since they are in cold country not favoring agriculture. It's like a mandatory starvation diet.

And the callous lunatics in THIS crazy country (I mean America) want to also do away with FOOD STAMPS??

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Heart of the Rose

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Court ruling to repair fish habitat affects tribes
April 2 2013

<http://blogs.seattletimes.com/northwestvoices/2013/04/02/court-ruling-to-repair-fish-habitat-affects-tribes/>

And for those that are fighting just to fish..commercial interests will come first..
Big hunger coming..

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obewanspeaks

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Big hunger coming..nice!

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TheBigPicture

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Trustworthy food testing is needed.

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m a x l i

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No problem! Who needs fish anyway? We can eat yummy fish sticks.

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natano

August 19, 2013 at 12:26 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Some one needs to send some salmon to Michelle Bachman before they're all gone. After all, she knows that "radiation is good for you." More proof that the myth of the "liberal" media is a bad joke which is costing us the planet. If the media were liberal, this would have been headline news since 3/11/11.

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PurpleRain

August 21, 2013 at 12:58 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I agree with you so much. But I'm also curious if any of those test results came back or were released to the press about all the seals dying off the coast of California because now we have dolphins dying off the East Coast of the USA now too!

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Tracy W

August 19, 2013 at 12:27 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

The BC salmon fishery has a long and tragic history. Greed has almost wiped out this species. And what they don't harvest, they make sick with fish farms situated all along the BC coast, many of them strategically located at the exact point where wild salmon travel. What happens next is that wild salmon catch disease from fish farms.

Sick farm fish also escape with strange frequency, dispersing their diseases all over the ocean.

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Here is the link for the film SALMON CONFIDENTIAL that LegionNetworkCH mentions on comment #1.

[http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/alexandra\\_morton/2013/03/salmon-confidential.html](http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/alexandra_morton/2013/03/salmon-confidential.html)

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Alexandra Morton is a reputable life-long activist, scientist and researcher who lives on the BC coast.

http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/alexandra_morton/

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<http://ottersandsciencenews.blogspot.ca/>

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**ENENews**

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Thanks for the links. For more on Alexandra Morton, see the report just posted here: <http://enenews.com/biologist-pacific-herring-in-canada-bleeding-from-eyeballs-faces-fins-tails-ive-never-seen-fish-looking-this-bad-all-100-caught-were-bleeding-hemorrhaging-first-noticed-in-summer-of-2011>

Morton had this to say in August 2011:

"Marine biologist Alexandra Morton sees a need to test returning sockeye salmon for radiation from Japan's Fukushima nuclear disaster. 'There was a large release of radioactive material in the water and in the air [...] I suspect that government doesn't know how to deal with this, and in the face of it they just don't want us to know.'"

<http://enenews.com/marine-biologist-canada-salmon-need-be-tested-radiation-govt-doesnt>

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**Tracy W**

August 19, 2013 at 1:06 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

@ ENENews

Thank you for the additional links. It's appreciated. And thank you ENENEWS for the great work you're doing informing us of all these developments and of the truth behind government and media spin.

Tracy

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**Dr. Goodheart**

August 20, 2013 at 4:11 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Dr. Conrad Miller MD – How Radiation Concentrates Up The Food Chain To Human Beings – 10Bq/Kg Unsafe; via @AGreenRoad  
<http://agreenroad.blogspot.com/2013/08/dr-conrad-miller-md-how-radiation.html>

He talks about how the AMA recommends testing fish for radiation..

They would not be recommending it, unless it was NOT being done.

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**bwoodfield**

August 19, 2013 at 12:48 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Over-fishing plus being hit with the radiation poisoning from Fuku, their money stream had been cut off by greed.

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**norbu**

August 19, 2013 at 2:09 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

We just had some pre-fukusmokeysteam salmon the other day. yummy. Not much left though. sad.

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**jump-ball**  
[August 19, 2013 at 4:19 pm](#) [Log in to Reply](#)

Thinking that I saw what was coming I quadrupled my pre 3/11 prepper stack of 100 plus cans of Pacific tuna, salmon and crab, adding 300 long-dated-to-2017 cans by June of 2011, on the assumption that contamination hadn't yet in those next 3 months gotten into the harvest-canning-delivery pipeline. Then I quit buying anything Pacific, and am now gradually enjoying a safe four year supply, and I'm starting to avoid even going down the canned tuna-salmon aisle at the grocery.

Despite federal agency, media and scholastic delusions that they can prevent consumers from ever knowing the emerging dangers of Pacific seafoods to public health, I expect to see the day when store shelves no longer contain the current offerings of canned Pacific seafoods, and the politicized agency cabals are finally at a loss for words.

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**Anthony**  
[August 19, 2013 at 4:43 pm](#) [Log in to Reply](#)

Honestly I think life as we know it, wont be anymore anyways. Not in a dreary scary way, but it is the only consequence we can arrive at with the factors in play. The dying animals are a massive hint. The changing climate will be devastating, not just for humans but the planet is going to reboot herself. We are way past the tipping point and not enough people care enough to change course. It is important to find happiness in our individual lives, today. And yes I have some water....

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**m a x l i**  
[August 20, 2013 at 4:24 am](#) [Log in to Reply](#)

The day the shelves are empty, the spin machine will not be at a loss for words. You will here all day long about new 'scientific discoveries' that fish is not good for your health because of high cholesterol or something.

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**m a x l i**  
[August 20, 2013 at 4:26 am](#) [Log in to Reply](#)

"hear" instead of "here"

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**Mark**  
[August 19, 2013 at 3:28 pm](#) [Log in to Reply](#)

Similar story for Fraser River run. <http://bc.ctvnews.ca/ban-coming-for-salmon-fishing-on-fraser-river-1.1413417>

The salmon work on a 4 year cycle so the fish returning this year are a product of the spawn four years ago. Where they go for four years is a scientific mystery. All the local cannery's went out of business decades ago. Successive provincial and federal governments do nothing. But they have been helping salmon farms which raise Atlantic salmon. The farms spread disease and sea lice to the wild salmon. There are many issues affecting diminishing salmon stock. Urban sprawl along the Fraser valley has destroyed many spawning streams. Salmon should be tested for radiation as nobody knows for sure where they go or what they eat. But this has been going on for a long time long before Fukushima. Fukushima poisoning the Pacific is just an extra agravation for the fish.

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**Anthony**  
[August 19, 2013 at 3:53 pm](#) [Log in to Reply](#)

Funny thing in the month after 311, I was working at a fish processing plant where a JAPANESE customer came, bought and shipped out ONE MILLION POUNDS of sockeye. Ironic or just a coincidence?

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**PurpleRain**  
[August 21, 2013 at 1:01 am](#) [Log in to Reply](#)

Some elite person with money and foresight stashing it away for the "filthy" rich.

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**obewanspeaks**

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The Pacific Ocean is in the process of dying and there will be no stopping this death as Nuclear Contamination (Fairy Dust" , Wormwood) spreads to all areas...

Do not eat fish!

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**newsblackoutUSA**

August 19, 2013 at 7:39 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

2 Billion people rely on the Pacific ocean for food. I wonder about all the flooding everywhere, and theorizing could this be a "Nuclear Winter" starting?

Sadly, Obe, I think the good old mother earth will soon be shaking us off this beautiful little planet flying through space. I feel grief for all we have lost at the hands of a bunch of greedy idiots.

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**Cerviche**

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Thats going to be a problem since many of the worlds peoples depend on that as a source of AFFORDABLE food or food in general..... eating chicken or beef or anything land based wont be safe either, rainfall onto land and crops, animals eat that, we eat them, nothing eats us..... maybe zombies xD

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**Cologne Cathedral**

August 20, 2013 at 4:49 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

I believe those who can imagine 311 to be men made (me included) read the lesson in glowing letters "DON'T EAT FISH ANY LONGER".

Is it possible, that there is a connection to the over-fished oceans? I am vegetarian since 2005 and raw eater since 2010.

Believe it or not, I am still alive.

But that doesn't save me from being affected by Fukushima, as they (at least today) throw the excrements of the cattle onto the fields again. This is toxic waste and will be atomic waste some day. But try to stop them ...

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**obewanspeaks**

August 19, 2013 at 4:39 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Yes..Zombies with blood spurting from their eyes...

Bring me fish! Bring me more fish for me and my friends! More Fish for everybody! Do it now!

Hey Bobby!

What?

Did you order those extra paper towels?

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**stellarblue1**

August 19, 2013 at 4:51 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

SOON, very soon headlines will once again splash the words Fukushima Dai Ichi all over. The international news media has only lightly covered the devastating disaster at the destroyed nuclear plant. When people start dying and the ocean and land becomes so polluted that they glow, it will finally be in the headlines. Oh yes, do not worry about that. Fukushima NPP is going to be BIG NEWS again. Bigger in fact than the news in March 2011. One misstep or just an earthquake that pops up out of nowhere and the surprises and the consequences are going to be EPIC.

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**1n2n3n4n**

August 20, 2013 at 12:06 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

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**FXofTruth**

August 20, 2013 at 12:49 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

No problem...time will prove what independent nuclear experts have told us...we're screwed because of Nuclear Power!

Food chains are collapsing.  
Water is becoming radioactive.  
Air is becoming increasingly radioactive.  
Millions upon millions of animals and sea life dead.  
Millions upon millions of people with cancer from radiation.

TEPCO and the Japanese Government are useless.  
Canada and USA are ignoring all the signs of the disaster increasing. What wars couldn't accomplish, Mother Nature is going to wipe out mankind from the face of this Earth.

So keep living like everything is rainbows and butter cups....  
Pretty soon everyone will be pushing up daisies.

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**obewanspeaks**

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Lets be clear here as this has nothing to do with Mother Nature.

This has everything to do with Man!

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**RobertC**

August 20, 2013 at 3:16 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

The radioactive water from Fukushima was expected to reach the West Coast of North America this year, although, it may not have yet. It would be still longer before the Alaskan Gyre takes it from there North to Alaska. The critical question is when will it reach the Arctic Fronts, where the Sockeye feed. However, there is probably a counter-current Northwards and, then, Eastwards from Japan to Alaska. Therefore, the fronts may already be contaminated. The presence of radiation illness in Alaskan marine mammals, would support that. — It is time to stop eating salmon.

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**NoNukes**

August 20, 2013 at 3:23 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

The pier from Japan washed up in Oregon in June 2012. The water has been hitting the West Coast for over a year.

<http://articles.latimes.com/2012/jun/06/nation/la-na-nn-huge-dock-tsunami-20120606>

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**obewanspeaks**

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Of course it has!

Many here tried to warn/inform and tell everyone we knew and nobody listened as their personal vacations must go on unabated..

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**norbu**

August 20, 2013 at 3:28 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Look at this RobertC, if you want tot see it. Shocked you will be, like thee.

<http://beforeitsnews.com/japan-earthquake/2013/02/radiation-of-the-pacific-ocean-in-the-next-10-years-japan-nuclear-disaster-video-2441044.html>  
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**PurpleRain**

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It's a good video, but I don't think it's going to take 10 years! I think that is being optimistic not realistic.

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