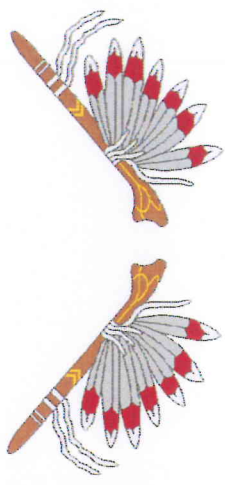




## “Save our Louis Creek Chinook”



Students from Neqweyqwelsten Elementary School have a message for you:

### “Save our Louis Creek Chinook.”

Louis Creek flows into the North Thompson River about sixty 60 km north of Kamloops B.C. and just south of the students home at Chu Chua (Simpco First Nation).

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans estimates that over 1,600 Early-Run Fraser Chinook spawners must reach Louis Creek every summer in order to maintain this stock.

At the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neqweyqwelsten School Cultural Day, children from area elementary schools learned that **in the Summer of 2009, only 6 Chinook returned to spawn in Louis Creek. (Spring 4<sub>2</sub>)**

Simpco First Nation will not harvest Chinook from Louis Creek this year. We feel that only a closure of saltwater-based commercial and sports fisheries along the migratory route of the Early Run Fraser Chinook will save this stock.

These fish are at the threshold. We urge you to post, distribute and share the schoolchildren’s message with one and all.

Sincerely,

Tina Donald

Simpco Fisheries Coordinator