When will Ottawa act on the B.C. chinook salmon crisis?

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Stephen Hume in the Vancouver Sun poses the question: First nations act on the salmon crisis -- when will Ottawa? This relates to yesterday's story where Fraser River First Nations called for the resignation of DFO Minister Shea. He describes the confrontation between first nations and the sport angling industry over this season's chinook.

According to Hume, First nations want sport angling shut down where there's a likelihood of incidental mortalities among depressed Fraser chinook populations. When sport anglers intercept chinook at sea and upstream aboriginal fisheries are later closed for conservation purposes, constitutionally protected fishing rights are hijacked by a subordinate interest, first nations argue.

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