



# FISHERIES NOTICE & UPDATE

July 14, 2017

WPCIB Fraser River Fishing Rock Pre-Season Info:

- Early Summer Sockeye closure at the WPCIB rock on the Fraser will end on Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. The closure for Early Stewarts was extended and extra week to protect runs from Taseko and Bowron.

**Early Stuart Window Closure areas and dates.**

**Note:** One additional week has been added to the closure to provide additional protection to Bowron and Taseko sockeye which are components of the Early Summer run.

Area	Start Date and Time	End Date and Time
Below Port Mann	June 26 / noon	July 27 / noon
Port Mann to Mission	June 26 / noon	July 27 / noon
Mission to Sawmill	June 27 / 6:00 am	July 29 / 6:00 am
Sawmill to Thompson Confluence	July 3 / 6:00 pm	July 31 / 6:00 pm
Thompson to Deadman Confluence (includes tribs)	July 3 / 6:00 pm	July 31 / 6:00 pm
Deadman to Naver (includes tribs):	July 6 / 6:00 pm	August 3 / 6:00 pm
Upstream of Naver Confluence (includes tribs)	July 10 / 6:00 pm	August 7 / 6:00 pm
Thompson and tribs	Does not apply	Does not apply

- Summer Sockeye (usually the run we fish) is estimated at 3,407,000 with a 50% timing at area20 of Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. Area 20 is the straight between Vancouver Island at Sooke/Port Renfrew at the bottom point.

Pre-season Fraser River Panel Adopted Values and Expected Harvest:

Management Group	Forecast p50 (p10-p90)	Timing A20 50%date	Proportional Mngt. Adjust. <sup>a</sup>	Available Harvest <sup>b</sup>	Allowable Harvest <sup>c</sup>
Early Stuart	99,000 (42k-253k)	Jul 1	N/A	0	9,900
Early Summer	343,000 (95k-1,971k)	Jul 20	.39	152,300	N/A
Summer	3,407,000 (1065k-12,560k)	Aug 6	.06	1,949,400	N/A
Late	583,000 (113k-2,849k)	Aug 14	.92	0	116,600
Fraser Pink	8,693,000 (4,447k-16,682k)	Aug 28	N/A	2,693,000	N/A

- Fraser River flows are 13% below average for this time of year and 1.5<sup>o</sup> at 17.3 <sup>o</sup>C higher in temperature (salmon experience problems swimming at 18<sup>o</sup>)
- The Communal Fishing License for sockeye will be based on weekly updates and information as DFO begins its test fisheries to determine when the runs are moving through the Fraser. It will open no sooner than Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> and further information will be made available weekly.