



PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

ALTERNATIVE LOWER FRASER RIVER TEST FISHERY

With record-low Fraser sockeye run sizes in three out of the last five years, it has become increasingly challenging for in-river test fisheries to catch enough sockeye for assessment purposes. This has been particularly challenging at the Cottonwood gillnet test fishery, which is used primarily for stock identification purposes.

The **Pacific Salmon Commission** in partnership with the **Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance** have received funding from the Southern Endowment Fund to operate an additional test fishery to evaluate an alternative location for the Cottonwood gillnet test fishery in the lower Fraser River.



Proposed Location: Brownsville Bar

- A test fishery at this location was conducted in 2003 and 2004 and had higher catches than Cottonwood.
- Preliminary analyses suggest that any pooling of fish did not affect stock composition.

Gear Type: Alaska Twist gillnet

- 120 fm variable mesh net
 - 4 1/4", 4 3/4", 5 1/4", 5 3/4"
- Two, twenty-minute sets

Please stay tuned for the test fishing charter contract bid announcement.

FOR ALL FEEDBACK, PLEASE CONTACT BENIA NOWAK BY APRIL 4, 2021:

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