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WEEKLY REPORT

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The Fraser River Panel (Panel) met today to review in-season assessment data on Fraser River sockeye salmon.

Test fishing and stock identification information

Purse seine test fishing catches of Fraser sockeye increased substantially this week. DNA analysis of a fish sample recently collected from the Area 20 purse seine test fishery indicated Fraser River sockeye contributions of 8% Early Summer run, 74% Summer run and 18% Late run. In the last 5 days, sockeye migrated primarily through Juan de Fuca Strait rather than Johnstone Strait. Daily in-season test fishing catch updates are available on the PSC website in an interactive visual application ([Fraser River Data Application](#)).

In-season Assessment Information

As of August 13, 46,000 Early Stuart sockeye have been accounted in catch and escapement.

The estimated catch and escapement of Early Summer-run sockeye through August 13 is 164,100 fish. With the later timing of the Early Thompson stock group, the Panel adopted an increased Early Summer-run run size at Tuesday's meeting of 250,000 with an associated marine timing of August 4.

The Summer run continues to be the dominant component in marine test fisheries. A total of 663,600 Summer run are estimated in catch and escapement. The preseason median (p50) forecast for this group was 4.3 million. At Tuesday's meeting, the Panel adopted a Summer-run run size of 2.4 million with an associated marine timing of August 13. At Friday's meeting, the Panel adopted a reduced run-size of 2.2 million Summer-run sockeye.

Late run proportions are continuing to increase in the marine areas and some have been observed in the Fraser River. As of August 13, 124,800 Late-run sockeye are estimated in catch and escapement. It is expected that part of the Late run may delay their entry into the Fraser River, until in-river migration conditions are more favourable. Currently a total of 246,000 sockeye are estimated to be delaying their upstream migration. The preseason median (p50) forecast for this group was 2.2 million. At Tuesday's meeting, PSC did not present a recommended run size in the distribution and stated that any point estimate would be highly uncertain at that time. Canada requested a run size update for Late run but given the high uncertainty in the run size the United States declined the request. At Friday's Panel meeting a run size of 1.6 million was adopted, with an associated marine timing of August 15.

Migration Conditions in the Fraser River

On August 13, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was about 2,536 cubic meters per second (cms), and approximately 24% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on August 13 was 19.5°C, which is 0.9°C greater than average for this date. DFO's Environmental Watch program projects that river temperature will decrease to 19.4°C, while discharge is forecast to decrease to about 2,287 cms over the next 10 days.

Escapement Update

Visual surveys for the Early Stuart spawning escapement assessment program began July 25. The majority of sockeye have been observed in most regularly surveyed spawning tributaries and they are in the peak of spawning.

Visual surveys in the upper Chilliwack River started August 11 and sockeye are in the early stages of spawning. The Nadina River hydroacoustic site has been operational since August 3 and as of August 12, 198 sockeye have been counted at the site.

The Stellako River hydroacoustic site has been operational since August 1 and 2,198 sockeye have been counted past the site, but it is assumed that most of these are Nadina sockeye. The Quesnel hydroacoustic site has been operational since August 12 but counts are not completed yet.

Regulatory Announcements & Resources

The Panel announced the following regulations for commercial salmon fisheries in Panel Area waters:

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

Remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY TRIBAL FISHERY:

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Open for drift gillnet fishing from 12:01 a.m. (midnight), Thursday, August 13, 2026 through 12 p.m. (noon), Friday, August 14, 2026.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open for net fishing 5 a.m. through 5 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2026.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for purse seine fishing 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Friday, August 14, 2026.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for drift gillnet fishing 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Friday, August 14, 2026.

Area 7: Open for reef net fishing 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2026.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on August 18. Weekly reports in this series will be provided by the Panel through the Commission every Friday during the in-season management period to inform those interested in the progress of the Fraser River sockeye salmon run. Weekly reports and regulatory announcements can be obtained via [Fraser Panel In-Season Information - Pacific Salmon Commission \(psc.org\)](https://psc.org) or by subscribing to our eNews [Pacific Salmon Commission \(list-manage.com\)](https://list-manage.com). Regulations and resources for fishing schedules, test fishing catch and DFO's environmental watch program can be found in Table 1.

Table 1. Regulations & Resources

Fishing Schedule Contacts/Resources	Phone Number/ Website Links
United States fishing schedules (Treaty Tribes)	1-800-562-6142
United States fishing schedules (All Citizen)	1-800-662-9825 Option 1
Canadian fisheries opening and closures	604-666-2828 1-866-431-3474 (toll free)
PSC Daily Test Fishing Catch (recorded message)	604-666-8200 Test Fishing Results - Pacific Salmon Commission (psc.org)
DFO's Environmental Watch program	Fraser River environmental watch Pacific Region Fisheries and Oceans Canada (dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

Note: For species other than sockeye or pink salmon, consult the appropriate regulatory agency regarding fisheries regulations in the Fraser River Panel Management Area.

Contacts

United States: Mickey Agha, Chair, Fraser River Panel

Canada: Adam Keizer, Vice-Chair, Fraser River Panel

2026 Run status of Fraser sockeye and pink salmon

Date: Aug. 14, 2026

Week of: Aug. 9 - Aug. 15, 2026	Sockeye				
	Management Group				Total Fraser
	E.Stuart	E.Summer	Summer	Late	
Mission passage (includes Pitt, Alouette, Coquitlam) ¹	45,900	155,900	622,300	109,600	933,700
Catch downstream of Mission	100	8,200	41,300	15,200	64,800
Accounted run-to-date	46,000	164,100	663,600	124,800	998,500
Adopted In-season run size ¹	46,000	250,000	2,200,000	1,600,000	4,096,000
Preseason run size	62,670	1,163,680	4,304,780	2,212,260	7,743,390
Area 20 timing adopted in-season	1-Jul	4-Aug	13-Aug	15-Aug	
Area 20 timing expected pre-season	4-Jul	3-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	

¹ Run sizes are usually not adopted until after the peak of the run has passed through marine test fishery areas in Juan de Fuca and Johnstone straits.

2026 Catch-to-date by fishery

Date: Aug. 14, 2026

Week of: Aug. 9 - Aug. 15, 2026		Sockeye	
		Total	Fraser
Canada		61,724	61,147
	Commercial	0	0
	B Purse Seine	0	0
	D Gillnet	0	0
	E Gillnet	0	0
	F Troll	0	0
	G Troll	0	0
	H Troll	0	0
	First Nations	60,775	60,206
	Food, Social & Ceremonial (FSC)	60,775	60,206
	Marine	14,048	13,478
	Fraser R.	46,727	46,727
	Economic Opportunity (EO) & Demonstration (Demo)	0	0
	Marine	0	0
	Fraser R.	0	0
	Recreational	0	0
	Marine	0	0
	Fraser R.	0	0
	Charter (Albion gillnet test fishery)	411	411
	Other**	538	530
United States		19,560	19,482
	Commercial	14,118	14,040
	Treaty Tribes (TRB)	12,952	12,878
	All Citizen (AC)	1,166	1,162
	Treaty Tribes Ceremonial & Subsistence (C&S)	5,442	5,442
	Other**	0	0
	All Citizen Recreational	0	0
	Alaska *	na	na
Panel-approved Test Fisheries		12,019	11,219
	Panel Waters	7,388	7,155
	Non-Panel Waters	4,631	4,064
Total		93,303	91,847

* Alaska catch is processed post-season and so is unavailable in-season.

** May include unauthorized directed retention or unauthorized bycatch retention in fisheries directed at other species