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WEEKLY REPORT

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This is the final Weekly Report for the Fraser River Panel (Panel) this season.

Test fishing and stock identification information

The purse seine test fishery in Juan de Fuca (Area 20) was terminated early, August 23, due to very low catches in the area. The purse seine fishery in Johnstone Strait continues to operate although catches in this test fishery have also decreased in the last week. DNA analysis of a fish sample recently collected from the Area 12 purse seine test fishery indicated Fraser River sockeye contributions of 4% Early Summer run, 54% Summer run and 42% Late run. The Gulf troll test fishery in Area 29 started last week and these catches confirm Late run sockeye are holding in the Strait of Georgia. 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 27, 46,000 and 210,300 Early Stuart and Early Summer-run sockeye, respectively, have been accounted in catch and escapement. The Panel adopted an Early Summer-run run size of 220,000 with an associated marine timing of August 2.

Despite the declining test fishing catches, estimated abundances at the Mission hydroacoustic site indicate continued passage of Summer-run sockeye within the Fraser River, predominantly Chilko and Quesnel stocks. A total of 1,505,500 Summer run have been estimated in catch and escapement as of August 27. The Panel adopted a Summer-run run size of 1.75 million with an associated marine timing of August 10.

As of August 27, 313,600 Late-run sockeye are estimated in catch and escapement. Another 631,000 sockeye are currently estimated to be delaying their upstream migration in the Strait of Georgia. Delaying entry into the Fraser River generally improves the chances of Late run sockeye successfully reaching the spawning grounds. It is anticipated that these delaying sockeye will migrate upriver mid-September.

Migration Conditions in the Fraser River

On August 27, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was about 1,995 cubic meters per second (cms), and approximately 24% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on August 27 was 20.5°C, which is 3.0°C greater than average for this date. This is a record high temperature for this date based off observations from 1991-2020. DFO's Environmental Watch program projects that river temperature will decrease to 18.3, while discharge is forecast to decrease to about 1,935 cms over the next 10 days.

Escapement Update

For Early Summer run stocks: Visual surveys in the upper Chilliwack River started August 11 and sockeye are at peak spawning. The Scotch Creek counting fence has been operational since August 14, and 12,350 sockeye have been counted past the fence as of August 26. The Eagle River hydroacoustic site has been operational since August 12 and 5,819 sockeye have been counted as of August 26. Visual surveys of the Seymour and upper Barriere Rivers have

been conducted. Sockeye have been observed in both systems and the fish appear to be in good condition. The Nadina River hydroacoustic site has been operational since August 6 and as of August 24, 5,982 sockeye have been counted at the site.

For Summer run stocks: Visual surveys in North Thompson system began on August 19 and sockeye were observed in the Raft River but not in Lemieux or Mann Creeks, where water levels have been low. The Stellako River hydroacoustic site has been operational since August 1, and 7,413 sockeye have been counted past the site as of August 24. Most of these fish are assumed to be Nadina sockeye. The Chilko River hydroacoustic site has been operational since August 12 and 28,548 sockeye have been counted as of August 25. No major migration challenges have been detected within the Chilko River by the T̓silhqot̓in National Government-led Emergency Salmon Task Force that was established in 2024 following the T̓silhqox landslide. The Quesnel hydroacoustic site has been operational since August 11 and 127,467 sockeye have been counted as of August 25. A hydroacoustic monitoring site on the Stuart River is being piloted and as of August 22, 1,527 sockeye have been counted.

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 AND ALL CITIZEN FISHERIES:

Areas 4b, 5, 6c, 6, and 7: Relinquish regulatory control effective 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

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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. 28, 2026

Week of: Aug. 23 - Aug. 29, 2026	Sockeye				
	Management Group				Total Fraser
	E.Stuart	E.Summer	Summer	Late	
Mission passage (includes Pitt, Alouette, Coquitlam) ¹	45,900	195,700	1,372,800	264,000	1,878,400
Catch downstream of Mission	100	14,600	132,800	49,600	197,100
Accounted run-to-date	46,000	210,300	1,505,600	313,600	2,075,500
Adopted In-season run size ¹	46,000	220,000	1,750,000	1,000,000	3,016,000
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	2-Aug	10-Aug	7-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. 28, 2026

Week of: Aug. 23 - Aug. 29, 2026		Sockeye	
		Total	Fraser
Canada		225,267	223,526
	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	224,094	222,361
	Food, Social & Ceremonial (FSC)	224,094	222,361
	Marine	63,758	62,026
	Fraser R.	160,336	160,336
	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)	627	627
	Other**	546	538
United States		31,736	31,690
	Commercial	26,170	26,124
	Treaty Tribes (TRB)	14,025	13,994
	All Citizen (AC)	12,145	12,130
	Treaty Tribes Ceremonial & Subsistence (C&S)	5,566	5,566
	Other**	0	0
	All Citizen Recreational	0	0
	Alaska *	na	na
	Panel-approved Test Fisheries	17,443	16,619
	Panel Waters	11,056	10,817
	Non-Panel Waters	6,387	5,802
Total		274,446	271,835

* 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