

**Somass Sockeye Stock Assessment Update****Pre-season forecast:**

Somass (Great Central and Sproat) - 400,000 (Range 350,000 to 500,000)  
 Henderson - Outlook < 15,000

**Escapement to June 14:** Stamp: ~3,300      Sproat: 36,149      Total: ~39,500

**Test Fishery:** Seine vessel Nita Maria operated June 13-14  
 30,000 outside Ten Mile Point and 50,000 inside.

**First in-season re-forecast:** June 23

**Catch Estimate:** ~ 25,332 adults

Somass First Nations – 18,766

Maa-nulth First Nations – 2,410

Area D Gillnet – 0

Area B Seine – 0

Recreational – 635

Test boat – 3,521

**Next Week's Fishing Plans:**

All fishing plans are subject to change depending on weekly meetings.

**First Nations**

Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath & Tsessaht) – FSC hook & line open 7 days a week.

Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath & Tsessaht) – Limited EO community gillnets open 6am to 6pm June 18, 2022 with possibility for extension, from Paper Mill Dam to Ten Mile Point. Target is ~6,000 pieces.

Maa-nulth – Open 7 days a week for hook & line and gillnet. In June the harvest plan may include the contracting of designated Area D Gillnet vessels displaying Maa-nulth identification flags to harvest Sockeye.

**Commercial**

Area D Gillnet – Opening Tuesday June 21, 14 hour opening from 6 am to 8 pm from the Bamfield harbour to the Pocahontas line.

Area B Seine – No opening scheduled for next week. First possible fishery June 26 depending on escapement levels and harvest rates. Boundaries typically from Pocahontas to Polly Point with a “seine free zone” closed area near China Creek.

**Recreational**

May 1 – two Sockeye per day in Area 23 including the tidal portions of the Somass River. See FN0415: [FN0415-RECREATIONAL Salmon - Sockeye - Area 23 - Opening](#)

June 15 – four Sockeye per day South of Lone Tree Point. See FN0578: [FN0578-RECREATIONAL Salmon - Sockeye - Area 23 - Daily Limit Change](#)

May 1 to July 23 daily - one Sockeye per day in a portion of the freshwater section of the Somass River at Somass Park. See FN0416: [FN0416-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - Sockeye - Region 1 - Portion of the Somass River - Somass Park - Opening](#)