

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

Run size re-forecast: 550,000**Escapement to June 21:** Stamp: 61,956 Sproat: 87,306 Total: 151,075**Test Fishery:** Seine vessel Nita Maria operated June 20-21

80,000 outside Ten Mile Point and 25,000 inside.

Catch Estimate: 59,928 adults

Somass First Nations – 28,437

Maa-nulth First Nations – 6,345

Area D Gillnet – 16,968

Area B Seine – 0

Recreational – 2665

Test boat – 5,514

Next Week's Fishing Plans:**All fishing plans are subject to change depending on weekly meetings.****First Nations**Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath & Tseshahat) – FSC hook & line open 7 days a week.Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath & Tseshahat) – EO gillnets open 12pm Sunday June 26 to 12pm Monday June 27, 2022, from Paper Mill Dam to Ten Mile Point.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 28, 14 hour opening from 6 am to 8 pm from the Bamfield harbour to the Pocahontas line. Possible short notice opening Thursday June 30.Area B Seine – Opening 10 am Sunday June 26 to 10 pm Tuesday June 28 with possibility for extension. Boundary from Pocahontas to Polly Point with a "seine free zone" closed area near China Creek.**Recreational**Four Sockeye per day south of Lone Tree Point and two Sockeye per day north of Lone Tree Point, including tidal portions of the Somass River . See FN0415 & FN0578: [FN0415-RECREATIONAL Salmon - Sockeye - Area 23 - Opening](#) [FN0578-RECREATIONAL Salmon - Sockeye - Area 23 - Daily Limit Change](#).One Sockeye per day until July 23 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](#)

Recreational limits expected to change sometime next week to four Sockeye per day in Area 23 south of Hoik Island and the flashing green light at the mouth of the Somass River, and two Sockeye per day until July 23 in a portion of the freshwater section of the Somass River at Somass Park. Please watch for fishery notices.

Uchucklesit Inlet finfish closure takes effect June 30 from a line from Bilton Point to Coleman Creek, south to a line from Chup Point to Hissin Point. See FN0579: [FN0579-RECREATIONAL Salmon - All finfish - Port Alberni Inlet - Subareas 23-2 and 23-3 - Finfish Closure Area Update](#)