

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: 650,000**Escapement to July 2:** Stamp: 138,112 Sproat: 226,798 Total: 364,910**Test Fishery:** Seine vessel Nita Maria operated June 27-28
70,000 outside Ten Mile Point and 40,000 inside.**Catch Estimate:** 135,643 adults

Somass First Nations – 41,938

Maa-nulth First Nations – 13,607

Area D Gillnet – 46,594

Area B Seine – 21,513

Recreational – 4,184

Test boat – 7,807

This Week's Fishing Plans:**All fishing plans are subject to change depending on weekly meetings.****First Nations**Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath & Tseshah) – FSC hook & line open 7 days a week.Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath) – FSC dip net opens daily from 5am to 10am Friday, July 1, Saturday, July 2 and Thursday, July 7 to Saturday, July 9 on a portion of the Sproat River.Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath) – Limited EO community gillnets open daily from 5am to 5pm Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2.Tsu-ma-uss (Tseshah) – Community drag seine open daily from 5am to 12pm Friday, July 1 to Sunday, July 3 at Paper Mill Dam.Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath & Tseshah) – EO gillnets open 12pm Sunday, July 3 to 12pm Thursday, July 7, 2022, from Paper Mill Dam to Ten Mile Point.Maa-nulth – Open 7 days a week for hook & line and gillnet. 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 – 14 hour opening Thursday, June 30, from 6 am to 8 pm, and 24 hour opening from 4pm Wednesday July 6 to 4pm Thursday July 7. Pocahontas line to Polly Point.Area B Seine – Opening 6 am Sunday, July 3 to 10 pm Thursday, July 7. Boundary from Pocahontas to Polly Point until 12pm July 6 when the Pocahontas boundary will move to Bilton Point / Coleman Creek. "Seine free zone" closed area near China Creek will open daily starting July 5 from 12pm to 10pm.**Recreational**Four Sockeye per day in Area 23 south of Hoik Island and the flashing green light at the mouth of the Somass River see FN0651: [FN0651-RECREATIONAL Salmon - Sockeye - Alberni Inlet - Portions of Subarea 23-1 - Daily Limit Change](#)Two Sockeye per day until July 23 in a portion of the freshwater section of the Somass River at Somass Park. See FN0652: [FN0652-RECREATIONAL Salmon - Sockeye - Region 1- Somass River - Daily Limit Change](#)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](#)