

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: 950,000

Escapement to July 26: Stamp: 185,318 Sproat: 349,381 Total: 534,699

Henderson Escapement to July 21: 9,565

Test Fishery: Seine vessel Nita Maria operated July 25-26
11,000 outside Ten Mile Point and 1,500 inside.

Catch Estimate: 339,669 adults

Somass First Nations – 90,619

Maa-nulth First Nations – 24,299

Area D Gillnet – 106,284

Area B Seine – 105,216

Recreational – 5,379

Test boat – 7,872

This Week's Fishing Plans:

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

First Nations

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

Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath) – FSC dip net open daily from 5am to 10am Friday July 29 to Thursday August 4 on a portion of the Sproat River.

Tsu-ma-uss (Tseshaht) – Community drag seine open daily from 5am to 12pm Friday July 29 to Sunday July 31 at Paper Mill Dam.

Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath & Tseshaht) – EO gillnets open 9pm Thursday July 28 to 12pm August 4, 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 – Open 6pm Sunday July 24 to 4pm Friday July 29 from Polly Point to Ten Mile Point. Open 6pm Monday August 1 to 4pm Friday August 5 from Polly Point to Hocking Point. Dunsmuir to Hocking will be closed to gill nets daily 6am to 2pm.

Area B Seine – Opening extended until further notice. Boundary from Polly Point to Ten Mile Point until Aug 1 where it will move to Polly Point to Dunsmuir. Dunsmuir to Hocking will be open to seines daily 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 Aug 2 in the tidal portion of the Somass River and in a portion of the freshwater section of the Somass River at Somass Park. See FN0651, FN0652, FN0783, & FN0782: [FN0652-RECREATIONAL Salmon - Sockeye - Region 1- Somass River - Daily Limit Change](#)

[FN0783-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - Sockeye - Somass River - Subarea 23-1 - Finfish closure date change](#)

[FN0782-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - Sockeye - Somass River - Region 1 - Sockeye Non-Retention](#)

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 FN0715: [FN0715-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - All finfish - Alberni Inlet - Subareas 23-2 and 23-3 - Finfish Closure Area Update](#)