

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: 900,000

Escapement to August 2: Stamp: 185,518 Sproat: 350,409 Total: 536,224

Henderson Escapement to July 28: 11,028

Catch Estimate: 343,344 adults

Somass First Nations – 91,031

Maa-nulth First Nations – 24,287

Area D Gillnet – 106,562

Area B Seine – 107,791

Recreational – 5,802

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 August 5 to Thursday August 11 on a portion of the Sproat River.

Tsu-ma-uss (Tseshaht) – Community drag seine open daily from 5am to 12pm Friday August 5 to Sunday August 7 at Paper Mill Dam.

Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath & Tseshaht) – EO gillnets open 9pm Thursday August 4 to 12pm Thursday August 11, from Paper Mill Dam to Ten Mile Point.

Maa-nulth – Open 7 days a week for hook & line and gillnet.

Commercial

Area D Gillnet – Open 6pm Sunday August 7 to 4pm Friday August 12 from Polly Point to Hocking Point. Dunsmuir to Hocking will be closed to gill nets daily 6am to 2pm.

Area B Seine – Closed 16:00 August 5, 2022

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](#)

Finfish closure on the tidal portion of the Somass River in effect Aug 2. See FN0783: [FN0783-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - Sockeye - Somass River - Subarea 23-1 - Finfish closure date change](#)

Sockeye non-retention on the non-tidal portion of the Somass River in effect Aug 2. See FN0782: [FN0782-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - Sockeye - Somass River - Region 1 - Sockeye Non-Retention](#)

Uchucklesit Inlet finfish closure in 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](#)

Chinook conservation measures now in effect. See FN0705: [FN0705-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - Chinook - Southwest Vancouver Island - Areas 21 to 24 and 121 to 124 - West Coast Vancouver Island Chinook Management Measures](#)