

SOMASS CHINOOK BULLETIN # 7 – 2022 Date: September 29, 2022

Chinook Stock Assessment Update

Pre-season forecast: The forecast terminal return of adult Stamp/RCH Chinook to Barkley Sound and Alberni Inlet in 2022 is approximately 135,000 (range 100,000 to 170,000).

Chinook Escapement to September 27: 29,924

Stamp falls: 29,922 Chinook and 20,647 Coho

Sproat: 2 Chinook and 3,415 Coho

Catch Estimate: 80,623

Somass First Nations – 33,576

Maa-nulth First Nations – 1,570

Area D Gillnet – 16,631

Area B Seine – 11,674

Recreational – 16,476

Test boat – 696

Somass Sockeye Escapement to September 27: 559,612

Henderson Sockeye Escapement to September 27: 17,599

Next Week's Fishing Plans:

All fishing plans are subject to change.

First Nations

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

Maa-nulth – Open 7 days a week for hook & line and gillnet. The harvest plan includes the contracting of designated Area D gillnet vessels displaying Maa-nulth identification flags to harvest Chinook, Coho, and Chum.

Commercial

Area D Gillnet – No fishery planned this week.

Area B Seine – No fishery planned this week.

Recreational

See <https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/tidal-maree/a-s23-eng.html> for tidal fishing limits, openings, and closures.

Rainy Bay and San Mateo Bay open to Chinook and Coho retention.

Stamp River and freshwater sections of the Somass River open for Chinook and Coho retention.

Effective October 1, Stamp River Hatchery lagoon lower boundary changed from the cable car crossing to the lagoon outlet. See FN1114: [FN1114-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - Chinook & Coho - Region 1 - Stamp River - Boundary Change - Effective October 1, 2022](#)

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](#)