

Somass Sockeye Stock Assessment Update**Pre-season forecast:**

Somass (Great Central and Sproat) - Range 500,000 to 700,000
Henderson - Outlook 15,000 – 25,000

Somass in-season re-forecast: 650,000

Escapement to July 30: Stamp: 112,808 Sproat: 117,739 Total: 230,547

Test Fishery: Seine vessel Nita Maria operated July 31 – August 1
Abundance estimate: 12,000 outside Ten Mile Point & 2,000 inside

Catch Estimate: ~ 305,899

Somass First Nations – 84,051
Maa-nulth First Nations – 22,587
Area D Gillnet – 68,011
Area B Seine – 99,620
Recreational – 23,261
Test boat – 7,287
Stewardship – 1,082

Weekly Fishing Plans (All fishing plans are subject to change)**First Nations**

Tsu-ma-uss (Hupacasath & Tseshaht) – No Sockeye directed fisheries planned this week.

Maa-nulth – No Sockeye directed fisheries planned this week.

Commercial

Area D Gillnet – No fisheries planned this week.

Area B Seine – No fisheries planned this week.

Recreational

Tidal: Sockeye non-retention in tidal waters effective 23:59 on August 4. [See FN0753-Recreational - Salmon - Sockeye - Area 23 - Sockeye non-retention effective August 4, 2023.](#)

Freshwater closed to Sockeye retention July 24. See FN0418: [FN0418-RECREATIONAL Salmon - Sockeye - Region 1 - Portion of the Somass River - Somass Park - Opening](#)

Please note Chinook and Coho open in tidal portions of Area 23/123. Finfish closures and Chinook non-retention areas come into effect Aug 1. See [FN0655 - Recreational - Salmon - Southwest Vancouver Island - Areas 21 to 24 and 121 to 124 - West Coast Vancouver Island Chinook Management Measures - Effective July 15, 2023](#) and consult the [Sport Fishing Guide](#) for more details and maps:

*****Attention recreational boaters: To aid in navigation and avoid collisions with Area D gillnets, gillnet ends not attached to a vessel will be marked with orange floats; there will also be four larger white or yellow buoy's spaced equidistantly along the cork line. Please slow down when transiting near active fishing vessels.*****

Fishing plans are developed to minimize disruptions across the various fisheries. Please be respectful of all groups while participating in the fishery.