

## 2018 Fraser River Fishery Summary to Accompany IFMP Presentation for FORUM - DRAFT

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### Overview

The Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Southern BC Salmon is the means by which the Department consults on fishing plans each year. Information provided below is taken from the 2018/2019 draft plan. In addition, there are appendices that lay out further detail for the recreational plan as requested at the January 2018 Forum.

Draft measures to increase prey availability for SRKW are described in the document titled “Southern Resident Killer Whale...” Feedback is currently being sought on these proposed measures. These measures are not included in this document. Potential measures to protect Thompson and Chilcotin Steelhead are also not included at this time.

## Chinook Fisheries

**Fraser River Spring 4<sub>2</sub> Chinook** – The objective for Fraser Spring 4<sub>2</sub> chinook is to conserve these populations by continuing to minimize incidental harvests in Canadian ocean fisheries and to continue fisheries management measures in the Fraser River to limit overall impacts and support rebuilding.

**Fraser River Spring and Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook** – The objective for Fraser River Spring and Summer 5<sub>2</sub> chinook is to conserve these populations consistent with the management zones outlined in the draft IFMP (no change from last year). Note: Fisheries will be planned based on a cautious approach and management will be based on Zone 1 until such time as a final in-season abundance estimate is confirmed.

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#### ***Marine Waters***

Chinook directed fisheries open year round.

#### ***Port Mann to Sawmill***

- Gill net openings based on conservation objectives as outlined above. Actual fishing plans developed collaboratively between FN and DFO using effort based tools as in past years.

#### ***Mid-Fraser d/s of Thompson River***

- Rod and Reel, dip net and gill net openings based on conservation objectives as outlined above. Actual fishing plans developed collaboratively between FN and DFO using effort based tools as in past years.

#### ***Fraser River u/s of Thompson River\****

- Fisheries upstream of the Thompson River do not have any constraints placed on them as the only chinook that return to these areas are Spring and Summer 5<sub>2</sub> chinook. Actual fishing plans developed collaboratively between FN and DFO.

#### ***Thompson River***

- Actual fishing plans developed collaboratively between FN and DFO generally these fisheries target summer 4<sub>1</sub> chinook.

### Recreational

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Specific Measures to protect Fraser River Spring 4<sub>2</sub> and Spring and Summer 5<sub>2</sub> chinook in non-tidal waters are provided for each of the three zones in Appendices.

#### ***Marine Waters – In general***

- The daily limit for chinook salmon is two, the possession limit is twice the daily limit.
- There is an annual limit of 30 chinook salmon from tidal waters of those only
  - 10 may be caught in the tidal waters of the Fraser River

- 15 may be caught in the waters of Areas 12 to 18, 28 and 29 and that portion of Area 19 north of Cadboro Point
- 20 may be caught in Subareas 20-5 to 20-7 and that portion of Area 19 south of Cadboro Point.
- All hooks must be barbless (or the barbs must be pinched).
- The minimum size limit for chinook is 45 cm in the waters of Areas 1 to 11, 21, 23 to 27, 121, 123 to 127, 130, 142 and in Subareas 19-4 to 19-4.
- The minimum size limit for chinook is 62 cm in Areas 12 to 18, 28 and 29 and in Subareas 19-5 to 19-12.

### **Marine Waters – specific to Fraser Chinook**

#### *Juan de Fuca recreational fishery (Subareas 19-1 to 19-4 and Subareas 20-4 to 20-7)*

March 1 through June 15th, two chinook per day which may be wild or hatchery marked between 45 and 67 cm or hatchery marked greater than 67 cm in Subareas 19-1 to 19-4 and 20-4 to 20-7.

**Zone 1:** June 16th through July 13th, two chinook per day which may be wild or hatchery marked between 45 and 85 cm or hatchery marked greater than 85 cm.

**Zone 2 and 3:** June 16th through July 13th, two chinook per day of which only one may be greater than 67 cm. (This measure is to protect Spring 4<sub>2</sub> chinook.)

#### *Strait of Georgia recreational fishery (Subareas 18-1 to 18-6, 18-9, 18-11, 19-5, and portions of Subareas 29-3, 29-4 and 29-5)*

Subareas 18-1 to 18-6, 18-9 and 18-11, 19-5, and those portions of Subareas 29-3 to 29-5 that lie southeasterly of a line from a point on the east side of Valdes Island located at 49 degrees 05.562'N and 123 degrees 39.989'W then extending approximately 57 degrees True to the North Arm Jetty Light located at 49 degrees 15.440'N and 123 degrees 16.778'W.

**Zone 1:** Commences the Monday following the first Saturday of May each year through June 15th, two chinook per day of which only one may be greater than 67 cm. The minimum size limit is 62 cm. (This measure is to protect Spring 4<sub>2</sub> chinook.) June 16th to July 13th, two chinook per day between 62 cm and 85 cm.

**Zone 2 and 3:** Commences the Monday following the first Saturday of May each year through July 13th, two chinook per day of which only one may be greater than 67 cm. The minimum size limit in these areas is 62 cm in length. (This measure is to protect Spring 4<sub>2</sub> chinook.)

#### **Fraser River Mouth**

- January 1<sup>st</sup> until July 31 - closed to fishing for chinook salmon.
- August 1 to December 31 – two per day with a minimum size limit of 62 cm.

#### **Fraser River Tidal Waters and Region 2 – See Appendices for further details**

- Fraser River to Alexandra closed to fishing for salmon from January 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31st.
- August 1 to August 31 – 4 chinook salmon per day, only one greater than 50 cm.
- September 1 to December 31 – 4 chinook salmon per day, only one greater than 62 cm.

- This minimum size limit for chinook is 30 cm in the tidal waters of the Fraser River.

***Region 3 – See Appendices***

***Region 5A – See Appendices***

***Region 7 – See Appendices***

***Region 8– See Appendices***

## **Commercial**

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**Area E Gill net** - For 2018, commercial fisheries may not retain chinook salmon in the Fraser River.

## **Coho Fishery**

**The objective for Interior Fraser River coho (including Thompson River coho) is to manage Canadian fisheries in a highly precautionary manner with fisheries management measures similar to those in place prior to 2014. This approach is expected to achieve an overall exploitation rate in Canadian waters within the 3 – 5% range.**

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### ***Marine waters***

Hatchery marked coho may be retained. Wild coho are released except in certain times and areas where there is a terminal abundance of wild coho.

### ***Lower Fraser***

Hatchery marked coho are retained in fisheries targeting other species prior to mid-October.

After mid-October wild coho are caught and retained in fisheries directed at other species. These coho are thought to come from Lower Fraser streams.

### ***Mid and Upper Fraser and Thompson***

There is some retention of Interior Fraser coho on certain streams in the terminal area. These are usually streams that have intensive counting systems (fences) in place and harvest amounts are very small. In past years, these have occurred on the Bonaparte fish way, the Dunn Creek Fence and the McKinley fence.

## **Recreational**

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### ***Marine waters***

Coho fisheries are non-retention in most SC marine waters until June 1 each year. After that date, the retention of two hatchery coho is permitted in most areas. Later in the year when Interior Fraser coho

are thought not to be present, the retention of wild coho is permitted in some areas such as the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

### ***Fraser River and Region 2.***

Mouth to Sawmill Creek – no fishing for coho and no use of bait while fishing for other salmon species from early September to early October. From mid-October to December 31, the retention of two hatchery coho is permitted. These dates fluctuate slightly each year dependent on what date Labour Day falls on. Prior to mid-October there is no retention of coho. Please see the Appendices for exact dates.

### ***Fraser River u/s of Sawmill Creek***

There is no fishing for coho, in addition to protect coho the following annual closures are in place.

- Sawmill Creek to Lytton – No fishing for salmon Sept. 16 to December 31.
- Lytton to Williams Lake – No fishing for salmon Sept. 23 to December 31
- u/S of Williams Lake – No fishing for salmon Oct. 1 to December 31.

## **Commercial**

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**Area B Seine** - No directed southern inside coho fisheries and coho non-retention in fisheries directed at other stocks.

**Area D Gill net** – No directed southern inside coho fisheries and coho non-retention in fisheries directed at other stocks.

**Area E Gill net** - No directed southern inside coho fisheries and coho non-retention in fisheries directed at other stocks. During the times specified in the 'coho window closure' table fishing is restricted to limited selective and/or demonstration fisheries only. The retention of coho (hatchery marked only) by-catch during directed chum fisheries is permitted.

**Area G Troll** – Potential opportunities available for the retention of coho by-catch in chinook directed fisheries. Any fishery that allows coho retention occurs after mid-September to minimize possible impacts on Interior Fraser coho. This fishery takes place on the West coast of Vancouver Island.

**Area H troll** - No directed southern inside coho fisheries and coho non-retention in fisheries directed at other stocks.

## **Chum**

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### ***Marine Waters***

Chum directed fisheries are open year round.

#### **Lower Fraser**

Chum openings planned after Interior Fraser Coho window closure based on returns as calculated by CPUE at Albion Test Fishery.

#### **Mid/Upper/Thompson**

There are no chum salmon that return to these areas.

#### **Recreational**

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**Tidal Fraser** – d/s of Mission – August 1 to December 31, daily limit of four.

**Fraser –Mission to Hope, BC** – August 1 to December 31, daily limit of two.

**Upstream of Hope, BC** – There is no retention of chum salmon.

#### **Commercial**

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**Downstream of Mission, BC** - Directed chum fisheries take place if a commercial TAC is identified. These openings are constrained to reduce impacts on IFR coho and steelhead.

**Johnstone Strait** - Mixed-stock commercial chum fisheries take place in Johnstone Strait throughout October. Fisheries are modeled pre-season and scheduled so as not to exceed a 20% harvest rate.

#### **Economic Ops**

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Directed chum fisheries take place if a commercial TAC is identified.

## **Sockeye**

#### **FSC**

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##### **Marine Waters**

Actual fishing plans developed collaboratively between FN and DFO based on in-season information following Early Stuart Window closure and taking into account measures to protect Sakinaw and Nimpkish Sockeye.

##### **Fraser River and tribs**

Actual fishing plans developed collaboratively between FN and DFO based on in-season information following Early Stuart Window closure

#### **Recreational**

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If in-season information indicates sufficient Canadian Total Allowable Catch (TAC) to allow for commercial and recreational fisheries, most south coast marine waters open with a daily limit of four. Non-tidal waters open with a daily limit of two. Details on non-tidal areas proposed for opening are found in the Appendices.

## **Commercial**

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If in-season information indicates sufficient Canadian Total Allowable Catch (TAC) to allow for commercial and recreational fisheries these are planned through the Fraser River Panel process.

## **Economic Ops**

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If in-season information indicates sufficient Canadian Total Allowable Catch (TAC) to allow for commercial and recreational fisheries these are planned through the Fraser River Panel process.

## **Pink**

Pink salmon returns to the Fraser River in even numbered years are much smaller than returns in odd years. Pink salmon do return in greater numbers to several other systems in southern BC.

## **FSC**

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### ***Marine Waters***

Pink directed fisheries open year round.

### ***Fraser River – all areas***

There are usually no pink targeted FSC fisheries in the Fraser River in even years

## **Recreational**

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Marine recreational fisheries open to the retention of pink salmon with a daily limit of 4.

There are usually no recreational pink fisheries in the Fraser River in even years.

## **Commercial**

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There are no planned commercial pink fisheries in the Fraser River in even years.

Fisheries targeting pink salmon returning to other systems take place in some terminal areas where abundance permits.

## **Economic Ops**

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There were no planned economic opportunities for pink salmon in even years





## AREA 29: STRAIT OF GEORGIA

Visit the DFO website to have the most up-to-date info. before you fish. [www.bcsportfishingguide.ca](http://www.bcsportfishingguide.ca)  
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**Green cross hatched areas are Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs)**– fishing for salmon is not permitted in these areas. For detailed descriptions of the RCAs, please visit the DFO website.

**Subareas 29-8** is not shown on this map, it is Boundary Bay. Subarea 29-8 is shown on the map on the reverse side of this document.

SPECIES	SUBAREAS	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	DATES
Chinook	29-1 to 29-5 and 29-8	62 cm.	2	April 1 – March 31
Chum	29-1 to 29-5 and 29-8	30 cm.	4	April 1 – March 31
Coho (Wild)		N/A	0	N/A
Coho (Hatchery Marked)	29-3 and 29-10 easterly of a line from Gower Point to the Tango 10 light Buoy, then to the northern tip of Lulu Island	30 cm.	2	April 1 – March 31
	29-1, 29-2, 29-4, 29-5 and 29-8	N/A	0	Jan. 1 – May 31
Pink	29-1 to 29-5 and 29-8	30 cm.	4	April 1 – March 31
Sockeye		N/A	0	April 1 – March 31

### Notes on Daily and Possession Limits:

- The combined daily limit for all salmon species from all waters is four.
- The coast-wide daily limit for chinook is two. The total chinook annual limit is 30 from any tidal waters, of which at most:
  - 15 may be caught in the waters of Areas 12 to 18, 28 and 29 and that portion of Area 19 north of Cadboro Point;
- No person may have in their possession more than **eight** salmon in aggregate, except at a place of ordinary residence.
- Possession limits for each species are two times the daily limit.

**Please turn this page over for fishing details for the Fraser Flats and the Tidal Waters of the Fraser River.**

## AREA 29: FRASER FLATS AND TIDAL FRASER RIVER

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**Fraser River Mouth:** Subarea 29-6, 29-7, 29-10 and Subarea 29-9 except for that portion that lies easterly of a line that lies easterly of a line from Garry Point on Lulu Island to Pelly Point on Riefel Island.

SPECIES	SUBAREAS	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	DATES
Chinook	All	N/A	0	Jan. 1 – July 31
		62 cm	2	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31
Chum	All	30 cm.	4	Jan 1 – Dec 31
Coho (Wild)	All	N/A	0	N/A
Coho (Hatchery Marked)	29-10 easterly of a line from Gower Point to the Tango 10 light Buoy, then to the northern tip of Lulu Island	30 cm.	2	April 1 – March 31
	All, except that portion of 29-10 described above.	N/A	0	Jan. 1 to Oct. 5
	All, except that portion of 29-10 described above.	30 cm.	2	Oct. 6 to Dec. 31
Pink	All	30 cm.	4	Jan 1 – Dec 31
Sockeye	All	N/A	0	UFN

**Tidal waters of the Fraser River:** Subareas 29-11 to 29-17 and that portion of Subarea 29-9 that lies easterly of a line from Garry Point on Lulu Island to Pelly Point on Riefel Island.

SPECIES	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	DATES	ACTION
All	N/A		Jan. 1 to July 31	<i>No fishing for salmon.</i>
Chinook	30 cm	4 (1 adult)	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31	4 per day, only 1 over 50 cm.
	30 cm	4 (1 adult)		4 per day, only 1 over 62 cm.
Chum	30 cm.	4	Aug. 1 – Dec 31	
Coho (Wild)	N/A	0	Aug. 1 – Dec 31	Non-retention of wild coho.
Coho (Hatchery Marked)	25 cm.	2	Oct. 6to Dec. 31	2 per day
Pink	30 cm.	4	TBC in-season	Odd numbered years only
Sockeye	N/A	0	UFN	All

### Gear Restrictions:

- **Fraser Flats (Subareas 29-6, 29-7, 29-9 and 29-10):** A person may fish for salmon with one line per angler to which is attached a lure or bait with one single barbless hook.
- **Tidal Fraser River:** A person may angle in the tidal portion of the Fraser River with two single hooks attached to a fishing line each of which has a barbless point.

**Please turn this page over for fishing details for Area 29: Strait of Georgia**

## REGION 3: THOMPSON-NICOLA – ZONE ONE

Visit the DFO website ([bcsportfishingguide.ca](http://bcsportfishingguide.ca)) for up-to-date information on the Region where you wish to fish. You can also sign up to receive emailed Fishery Notices for your favourite fishing areas.

### Regional Regulations:

- There is no fishing for salmon in Region 3 except for the opportunities listed in the table below.
- **Fishing for salmon in Region 3 is during daylight hours only.** Daylight hours means from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset as posted in local newspapers, except on the Bridge River and Fraser River where the open times are specified below.
- All retained chinook and sockeye must measure 30 cm or more in overall length (from tip of nose to fork in tail).
- An "adult chinook" in Region 3 is defined as being over 50 cm in overall length.
- Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Fraser River	mainstem of the Fraser River in Region 3	Chinook	Aug 22-Sep 16	4 per day, none over 50 cm.
	from the confluence of the Fraser/Seton River downstream to WTFB signs located on both sides of the river approximately 4 km downstream of the town of Lillooet.	Sockeye	To be determined	
		Pink	To be determined	Pink fisheries on the Fraser River only occur in odd years.
Kamloops Lake		Chinook	Aug 22-Sep 22	4 per day, 1 over 50cm
		Sockeye	To be determined	
		Pink	To be determined	
Little Shuswap Lake	See South Thompson River			
South Thompson River	From the green can buoy near the outlet of Little River , including Little Shuswap Lake, to the WTFB sign approximately 100 m downstream of Campbell Creek	Chinook	Aug 16-Sep 22	4 per day, 2 over 50cm. Monthly limit is 6 over 50cm.
		Sockeye	To be determined	
		Pink	To be determined	Pink fisheries on the Fraser River only occur in odd years.

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WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Thompson River (cont).	Kamloops Lake outlet down stream to the WTFB signs just down stream of Gold Pan Provincial Park except closed in the following three (3) locations:  1) Deadman – from the WTFB signs approximately 1 km downstream of the Hwy # 1 bridge at Savona to the CN rail bridge approximately 500 meters downstream of the Deadman Creek/Thompson River confluence.  2) Juniper –from the WTFB signs approx 1.5 km downstream from Juniper Beach park downstream approximately 4km to the WTFB signs located at 50°46.893' N and 121°08.110' W.  3) Ashcroft – from the WTFB sign at the up stream side of the mouth of the Bonaparte River to Hwy 97C bridge in Ashcroft	Chinook	Aug 22-Sep 22	4 per day, only 1 over 50 cm.
		Sockeye	To be determined	
		Pink	To be determined	Pink fisheries on the Fraser River only occur in odd years.
	From the WTFB signs just downstream of Gold Pan Provincial Park to the confluence with the Fraser River	Chinook	Aug 22 – Sept 22	4 per day, none over 50cm

## REGION 3: THOMPSON-NICOLA – ZONE TWO

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### Regional Regulations:

- There is no fishing for salmon in Region 3 except for the opportunities listed in the table below.
- **Fishing for salmon in Region 3 is during daylight hours only.** Daylight hours means from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset as posted in local newspapers, except on the Bridge River and Fraser River where the open times are specified below.
- All retained chinook and sockeye must measure 30 cm or more in overall length (from tip of nose to fork in tail).
- An "adult chinook" in Region 3 is defined as being over 50 cm in overall length.
- Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Bridge River	Downstream from Road 40 bridge to the confluence of the Fraser River. (see also Fraser R. opportunity)  <i>From 06:00 h to 2100 h hours daily</i>	Chinook	June 18 to June 22 June 25 to June 29 July 2 to July 6	1 per day. This fishery takes place from Sunday to Thursday each week.
Clearwater River	From Clearwater Lake downstream to the confluence of the North Thompson River (except CLOSED from Murtle River downstream to 35 km post from Aug 16 - 31 to protect Mahood River chinook)	Chinook	Aug 01-Aug 21	1 per day, There is a monthly limit of two (2) chinook salmon on the Clearwater and North Thompson Rivers combined.
		Chinook	Jul 16- Jul 31	You may fish for chinook salmon, but you may not retain any. ( <i>Catch and release only</i> )
Fraser River	Mainstem of the Fraser River in Region 3	Chinook	July 16 to Sep 16	4 per day, none over 50 cm.
	From the confluence with the Bridge River downstream to the BC Railway bridge, 2km north of Lillooet ( <i>see also Bridge River opportunity</i> )  <i>From 06:00 h to 2100 h hours daily</i>	Chinook	June 18 to June 22 June 25 to June 29 July 2 to July 6	1 per day. This fishery takes place from Sunday to Thursday each week.
	from the confluence of the Fraser/Seton River downstream to WTFB signs located on both sides of the river approximately 4 km downstream of the town of Lillooet.	Sockeye Pink Chinook	Odd years only	To be determined based on in-season information.
Kamloops Lake		Chinook	Jul 16- Aug 21	4 per day, zero over 50cm
		Chinook	Aug 22-Sep 22	4 per day, 1 over 50cm
		Sockeye	To be determined	
		Pink	To be determined	Odd years only.

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<b>WATERS</b>	<b>SPECIFIC AREA</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LIMITS / GEAR</b>
Little Shuswap Lake	See South Thompson River			
North Thompson River	Downstream of Station Road bridge in Clearwater to the ferry crossing at Little Fort.	Chinook	Jul 16 – Jul 31	You may fish for chinook salmon, but you may not retain any. ( <i>Catch and release only</i> )
		Chinook	Aug 01-Aug 21	1 per day, There is a monthly limit of two (2) chinook salmon on the Clearwater and North Thompson Rivers combined.
South Thompson River	From the green can buoy near the outlet of Little River , including Little Shuswap Lake, to the WTFB sign approximately 100 m downstream of Campbell Creek	Chinook	Aug 16-Sep 22	4 per day, 2 over 50cm. Monthly limit is 6 over 50cm.
		Sockeye	To be determined	
		Pink	To be determined	
Thompson River	<p>From Kamloops Lake outlet downstream to the confluence with the Fraser River. except closed in the following three (3) locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Nicola: that portion between the upstream side of the confluence of the Thompson / Nicola Rivers downstream to the powerline crossing approx. 600 meters upstream of the Hwy #1 bridge at Spences Bridge</li> <li>2) Deadman Creek: from the fishing boundary signs approximately 1 km downstream of the Hwy No. 1 bridge at Savona to the CN rail bridge approximately 500 meters downstream of the Deadman Creek/ Thompson River confluence.</li> <li>3) Bonaparte: from the fishing boundary sign at the upstream side of the mouth of the Bonaparte River to Hwy 97C Bridge in Ashcroft.</li> </ol>	Chinook	Jul 16-Aug 21	4 per day, none over 50cm

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Thompson River (cont).	<p>From Kamloops Lake outlet downstream to the fishing boundary signs just down stream of Gold Pan Provincial Park except closed in the following three (3) locations:</p> <p>1) Juniper: from the fishing boundary signs approx 1.5 km downstream from Juniper Beach park downstream approximately 4km to the WTFB signs located at 50°46.893' N and 121°08.110' W.</p> <p>2) Deadman Creek– from the fishing boundary signs approximately 1 km downstream of the Hwy No. 1 bridge at Savona to the CN rail bridge approximately 500 meters downstream of the Deadman Creek/Thompson River confluence.</p> <p>3) Bonaparte from the fishing boundary sign at the upstream side of the mouth of the Bonaparte River to Hwy 97C bridge in Ashcroft.</p> <p>From the fishing boundary signs just down stream of Gold Pan Provincial Park to the confluence with the Fraser River.</p>	Chinook	Aug 22-Sep 22	4 per day, only 1 over 50 cm.
		Sockeye	To be determined	
		Pink	To be determined	
		Chinook	Aug 22 – Sept 22	4 per day, none over 50cm



## REGION 3: THOMPSON-NICOLA – ZONE THREE

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### Regional Regulations:

- There is no fishing for salmon in Region 3 except for the opportunities listed in the table below.
- **Fishing for salmon in Region 3 is during daylight hours only.** Daylight hours means from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset as posted in local newspapers, except on the Bridge River and Fraser River where the open times are specified below.
- All retained chinook and sockeye must measure 30 cm or more in overall length (from tip of nose to fork in tail).
- An "adult chinook" in Region 3 is defined as being over 50 cm in overall length.
- Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Bridge River	downstream from Road 40 bridge to the confluence of the Fraser River. (see also Fraser R. opportunity)  <i>From 06:00 h to 21 h hours daily</i>	Chinook	June 18 to June 22 June 25 to June 29 July 2 to July 6 July 9 to July 13	4 per day, only one over 50 cm . This fishery takes place from Sunday to Thursday each week.
Clearwater River	from Clearwater Lake downstream to the confluence of the North Thompson River (except CLOSED from Murtle River downstream to 35 km post from Aug 16 - 31 to protect Mahood River chinook)	Chinook	Aug 01-Aug 31	4 per day, only 2 over 50 cm Monthly quota is 4 over 50 cm, including adult chinook caught and retained from the North Thompson.
		Chinook	Jul 16- Jul 31	You may fish for chinook salmon, but you may not retain any. ( <i>Catch and release only</i> )
Fraser River	mainstem of the Fraser River in Region 3	Chinook	April 1 - Sep 16	4 per day, none over 50 cm.
	from the confluence with the Bridge River downstream to the BC Railway bridge, 2km north of Lillooet ( <i>see also Bridge River opportunity</i> )  <i>From 06:00 h to 21 h hours daily</i>	Chinook	June 18 to June 22 June 25 to June 29 July 2 to July 6 July 9 to July 13	4 per day, only one over 50 cm. This fishery takes place from Sunday to Thursday each week.
	from the confluence of the Fraser/Seton River downstream to WTFB signs located on both sides of the river approximately 4 km downstream of the town of Lillooet.	Sockeye	To be determined	
		Chinook	To be determined	1 per day.

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Kamloops Lake		Chinook	Jul 16- Aug 21	4 per day, zero over 50cm
		Chinook	Aug 22-Sep 23	4 per day, 1 over 50cm
		Sockeye	To be determined	
Little Shuswap Lake	See South Thompson River			
North Thompson River	Downstream of Station Road bridge in Clearwater to the ferry crossing at Little Fort.	Chinook	Jul 16 – Jul 31	You may fish for chinook salmon, but you may not retain any. ( <i>Catch and release only</i> )
		Chinook	Aug 01-Aug 31	4 per day, only 2 over 50 cm Monthly quota is 4 over 50 cm, including adult chinook caught and retained from the North Thompson
South Thompson River	From the green can buoy near the outlet of Little River , including Little Shuswap Lake, to the WTFB sign approximately 100 m downstream of Campbell Creek	Chinook	Aug 6-Sep 22	4 per day, 2 over 50cm. Monthly limit is 6 over 50cm.
		Sockeye	To be determined	
Thompson River	<p>From Kamloops Lake downstream to the confluence with the Fraser River. except closed in the following three (3) locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Nicola: that portion between the upstream side of the confluence of the Thompson / Nicola Rivers downstream to the powerline crossing approx. 600 meters upstream of the Hwy #1 bridge at Spences Bridge</li> <li>2) Deadman Creek: from the fishing boundary signs approximately 1 km downstream of the Hwy No. 1 bridge at Savona to the CN rail bridge approximately 500 meters downstream of the Deadman Creek/ Thompson River confluence.</li> <li>3) Bonaparte: from the fishing boundary sign at the upstream side of the mouth of the Bonaparte River to Hwy 97C Bridge in Ashcroft.</li> </ol>	Chinook	Jul 16-Aug 21	4 per day, none over 50cm

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Thompson River (cont).	Kamloops Lake outlet down stream to the WTFB signs just down stream of Gold Pan Provincial Park except closed in the following three (3) locations:  4) Deadman – from the WTFB signs approximately 1 km downstream of the Hwy # 1 bridge at Savona to the CN rail bridge approximately 500 meters downstream of the Deadman Creek/Thompson River confluence.  5) Juniper –from the WTFB signs approx 1.5 km downstream from Juniper Beach park downstream approximately 4km to the WTFB signs located at 50°46.893’ N and 121°08.110’ W.  6) Ashcroft – from the WTFB sign at the up stream side of the mouth of the Bonaparte River to Hwy 97C bridge in Ashcroft.	Chinook	Aug 22-Sep 22	4 per day, only 1 over 50 cm.
		Sockeye	To be determined	
	From the WTFB signs just downstream of Gold Pan Provincial Park to the confluence with the Fraser River	Chinook	Aug 22 – Sept 22	4 per day, none over 50cm

## REGION 5A: CARIBOO – ZONE ONE

(Part A, Fraser River Watershed, Management Units 5-1 to 5-5 and 5-12 to 5-16)

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### Notes:

- For 2018, there will be no fishing for salmon in Region 5A except for the potential opportunities listed in the table below. Actual opportunities will be announced based on in-season information.
- The Department has identified concerns associated with expected poor returns of Spring 5<sub>2</sub> and Summer 5<sub>2</sub> chinook to the Fraser River. Accordingly, there will be no chinook fisheries in Region 5A in 2018.
- Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Quesnel Lake	The waters of Horsefly Bay located on Quesnel Lake inside a line connecting fishing boundary signs located on opposite shorelines at the entrance to the bay.	Sockeye		To be determined based on in-season information. Earliest possible date is Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup> .

## REGION 5A: CARIBOO – ZONE TWO

(Part A, Fraser River Watershed, Management Units 5-1 to 5-5 and 5-12 to 5-16)

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### Regional Regulations:

- There is no fishing for salmon in Region 5A except for the opportunities listed in the table below.
- **Fishing for salmon in Region 5A is during daylight hours only.**
- All retained chinook and sockeye must measure 30 cm or more in overall length (from tip of nose to fork in tail).
- An "adult chinook" in Region 3 is defined as being over 50 cm in overall length.

Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Cariboo River	From confluence of the Quesnel River to the confluence of Seller Creek.	Chinook	Jul 25-Aug 16	1 per day, none over 77 cm.
Chilko River	From Chilko Lake downstream to boundary signs 1.5 km upstream of Siwash Bridge (12 km upstream from Chilcotin River junction).	Chinook	Jul 25-Aug 16	1 per day, none over 77 cm.
Fraser River (including tributaries)		All	Jul 15– Sep 15	You may fish for chinook salmon, but you may not retain any ( <i>Catch and release only</i> ).
Quesnel Lake	The waters of Horsefly Bay located on Quesnel Lake inside a line connecting fishing boundary signs located on opposite shorelines at the entrance to the bay.	Sockeye		To be determined based on in-season information.
Quesnel River	Downstream of Poquette Creek	Chinook	Jul 15-Sep 01	1 per day, none over 77 cm.
	Downstream from boundary signs at the mouth of Quesnel Canyon to the Johnston Subdivision bridge near Quesnel, BC	Sockeye		To be determined based on in-season information.

## REGION 5A: CARIBOO – ZONE THREE

### (Part A, Fraser River Watershed, Management Units 5-1 to 5-5 and 5-12 to 5-16)

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#### Regional Regulations:

- There is no fishing for salmon in Region 5A except for the opportunities listed in the table below.
- **Fishing for salmon in Region 5A is during daylight hours only.**
- All retained chinook and sockeye must measure 30 cm or more in overall length (from tip of nose to fork in tail).
- An "adult chinook" in Region 3 is defined as being over 50 cm in overall length.

Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Cariboo River	From confluence of the Quesnel River to the confluence of Seller Creek.	Chinook	Jul 25-Aug 16	2 per day.
Chilko River	From Chilko Lake downstream to boundary signs 1.5 km upstream of Siwash Bridge (12 km upstream from Chilcotin River junction).	Chinook	Jul 25-Aug 16	2 per day.
Fraser River (including tributaries)		All	Jul 15– Sep 15	You may fish for chinook salmon, but you may not retain any ( <i>Catch and release only</i> ).
Quesnel Lake	The waters of Horsefly Bay located on Quesnel Lake inside a line connecting fishing boundary signs located on opposite shorelines at the entrance to the bay.	Sockeye		To be determined based on in-season information.
Quesnel River	Downstream of Poquette Creek	Chinook	Jul 15-Sep 01	2 per day.
	Downstream from boundary signs at the mouth of Quesnel Canyon to the Johnston Subdivision bridge near Quesnel, BC	Sockeye		To be determined based on in-season information.

## REGION 7: OMINECA-PEACE – ZONE ONE

Visit the DFO website ([bcsportfishingguide.ca](http://bcsportfishingguide.ca)) for up-to-date information on the Region where you wish to fish. You can also sign up to receive emailed Fishery Notices for your favourite fishing areas.

### Notes:

- For 2018, there will be no fishing for salmon in Region 7 except for the potential opportunity listed in the table below. Actual opportunities will be announced based on in-season information.
- The Department has identified concerns associated with expected poor returns of Spring 5<sub>2</sub> and Summer 5<sub>2</sub> chinook to the Fraser River. Accordingly, there will be no chinook fisheries in Region 7 in 2018.
- Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Nechako River	Upstream from the boundary signs at the confluence with the Fraser River to the downstream edge of the Foothills Boulevard Bridge.	Sockeye		To be determined based on in-season information, earliest possible date is August 27 <sup>th</sup> .

## REGION 7: OMINECA-PEACE – ZONE TWO

Visit the DFO website ([bcsportfishingguide.ca](http://bcsportfishingguide.ca)) for up-to-date information on the Region where you wish to fish. You can also sign up to receive emailed Fishery Notices for your favourite fishing areas.

### Regional Regulations:

- There is no fishing for salmon in Region 7 except for the opportunities listed in the table below.
- **Fishing for salmon in Region 7 is during daylight hours only.**
- All retained chinook and sockeye must measure 30 cm or more in overall length (from tip of nose to fork in tail).
- An "adult chinook" in Region 3 is defined as being over 50 cm in overall length.

Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Bowron River	From the Forestry Road bridge nearest to the Fraser River, upstream to the Bowron Forest Road Bridge crossing near Haggen Creek	Chinook	Jul 15-Aug 15	1 per day, none over 77 cm.
Fraser River	Mainstem river downstream of the confluence with the McLennan River	Chinook	Jul 15 to Sep 15	You may fish for chinook salmon, but you may not retain any (Catch and release only).
Nechako River	Upstream from the boundary signs at the confluence with the Fraser River to the downstream edge of the Foothills Boulevard Bridge.	Sockeye		To be determined based on in-season information.
		Chinook	Aug 15 to Aug 27	1 per day, none over 77 cm.

## REGION 7: OMINECA-PEACE – ZONE THREE

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### Regional Regulations:

- There is no fishing for salmon in Region 7 except for the opportunities listed in the table below.
- **Fishing for salmon in Region 7 is during daylight hours only.**
- All retained chinook and sockeye must measure 30 cm or more in overall length (from tip of nose to fork in tail).
- An "adult chinook" in Region 3 is defined as being over 50 cm in overall length.

Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Bowron River	From the Forestry Road bridge nearest to the Fraser River, upstream to the Bowron Forest Road Bridge crossing near Haggen Creek	Chinook	Jul 15-Aug 15	2 per day.
Fraser River	Mainstem river downstream of the confluence with the McLennan River	Chinook	Jul 15 to Sep 15	You may fish for chinook salmon, but you may not retain any (Catch and release only).
Nechako River	Upstream from the boundary signs at the confluence with the Fraser River to the downstream edge of the Foothills Boulevard Bridge.	Sockeye		To be determined based on in-season information.
		Chinook	Aug 15 to Aug 27	2 per day.



## REGION 8: OKANAGAN – ALL ZONES

Visit the DFO website ([bc sportfishingguide.ca](http://bc sportfishingguide.ca)) for up-to-date information on the Region where you wish to fish. You can also sign up to receive emailed Fishery Notices for your favourite fishing areas.

### Regional Regulations:

- There is no fishing for salmon in Region 8 except for the opportunities listed in the table below.
- There is a monthly limit of four (4) chinook in Region 8.
- **Fishing for salmon in Region 8 is during daylight hours only.**
- All retained chinook and sockeye must measure 30 cm or more in overall length (from tip of nose to fork in tail).
- An "adult chinook" in Region 3 is defined as being over 50 cm in overall length.
- Please read these regulations in conjunction with the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.

WATERS	SPECIFIC AREA	SPECIES	DATES	LIMITS / GEAR
Mabel Lake	South of WTBF signs located on opposite shores approx. 1 km from Wap Creek	Chinook	Jul 25- Aug 15	1 per day, must be over 77 cm
			Aug 16-Sep 12	4 per day, only 2 over 50 cm
Osoyoos Lake	In the waters in the portion of Osoyoos Lake (Region 8) north of the bridge at Highway No. 3 (North Basin)	Sockeye	To be determined	
Shuswap River	(middle) between Shuswap Falls and Mabel Lake except closed from the water survey station (located at 50°19.105' N and 118°48.857' W) approximately 200m down stream of Shuswap Falls Hatchery to WTFB signs (located at 50°18.181' N and 118°49.105' W) one km down stream	Chinook	Jul 25-Aug 15	1 per day, must be over 77 cm.
			Aug 16-Sep 12	4 per day, only 2 over 50 cm
	(lower) upstream from white triangular fishing boundary signs above Mara Bridge to Mabel Lake. No fishing 50 meters upstream and downstream of the Trinity Valley Road Bridge from June 15 to Nov. 15	Chinook	Jul 25-Aug 15	1 per day, must be over 77 cm.
			Aug 16-Sep 12	4 per day, only 2 over 50 cm

Note: Fisheries in this area are targeting Summer 4<sub>1</sub> chinook and therefore not subject to zoned management.