

Salmon Producers- Processors Information Session

Background and Overview: In 2005 DFO authorized a small number of Fraser First Nations proposals to conduct small selective fisheries of commercially available salmon directly from the Total Allowable Catch (TAC). These fisheries will target commercially-available salmon that were unable to be harvested in the ocean mixed stock fisheries. These fisheries were designed to demonstrate the applicability of test fisheries in the Fraser River, will not interfere with non-economic FSC fisheries, and will generate cost recovery for related management activities.

An Information Session is organized for those First Nations from the Fraser and Skeena River with salmon allocations licensed for economic purposes, including new projects and existing surplus salmon (ESSR) harvests from First Nation-run hatcheries. It is designed to offer direct access to harvest, processing and marketing partnership discussions between those First Nations and qualifying processing companies.

The purpose will be to explore capacity partnerships and ways to get the best value and use out all parts of terminal fish closest to the community. Presentations include capacity; value added processes, and the development of brands and products. They will present their perspectives on how the fishery can be developed and organized to address change.

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Summer Run Sockeye Update:

The summer run sockeye are not showing up in the approach areas anywhere near the 50% P forecast (11 million), or the 75% P forecast (7 million), and are thought to be in the range of 2 to 4 million according to the PSC regulatory news release yesterday. Yesterday, the PSC stated that the 50% migration date was estimated at August 18th, but I am not sure whether that included the test fishery information from August 17th.

Looking at Thursday, August 18, test fishery information, the Area 20 Gillnet (Juan de Fuca, or southern tip of Vancouver Island) test fishery showed a large increase in sockeye numbers compared to the recent downward trend, and the Area 20 Seine fishery held at a higher number as well. The Area 7 (US) test fishery showed a higher catch as well, so the southern abundance sockeye migration has increased overall for yesterday. The inside migration route (Johnstone Strait) also showed a large increase in the Area 12 seine catch.

However, it is too early to get excited about the possibility of more summer run sockeye because I do not have the stock identification breakdown of the test fishery catches, so we may be seeing summer run sockeye and late run sockeye in those catches.

I have been on a technical teleconference call on Friday, August 19. Once stock id information and technical info is reviewed, I will send out an update to keep you all informed.

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