

**North Coast Salmon Update #5 – 5 August 2025***Please note that catch numbers and estimates are preliminary and are subject to review.*

The 2025/26 Northern Salmon IFMP can be found at: [2025/2026 Northern Salmon IFMP](#) .

North Coast Troll*Coho and Pink Salmon*

There are currently 28 vessels hailed into the North Dixon Entrance Pink Salmon directed opening ([FN0547](#)) and total effort to August 4th is estimated at 600 vessel-days. Weekly estimates of effort, catch and releases to August 4th are summarized in the following table.

Table 1. Area F Troll – 2025 Estimated weekly catch and release by species

WEEK	End		Chinook		Coho		Pink		Sockeye		Chum	
	Date	Effort	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.
27	5-Jul	41	0	506	2,086	4	2,869	28	19	2	0	30
28	12-Jul	81	0	769	4,053	3	5,967	15	84	3	0	37
29	19-Jul	103	0	1,133	6,106	0	5,125	19	42	2	0	62
30	26-Jul	142	0	1,483	6,881	19	7,238	3	38	7	0	72
31	2-Aug	180	0	2,025	11,429	12	10,249	0	44	9	0	129
32	9-Aug	53	0	752	3,051	0	2,218	0	3	0	0	25
Total		600	0	6,668	33,606	38	33,666	65	230	23	0	355

Note: Effort reported as vessel-days.

Chinook Salmon

The Area F Chinook Salmon ITQ full fleet opening and the Haida Community Based Chinook opening will be delayed until August 16th again in 2025 to minimize impacts to passing stocks of concern.

Area F troll licence retirements through the last 4 years have resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of vessels fishing in this full fleet opening and the predicted participation in 2025 is less than 85 vessels. This represents a fleet size reduction of well over 20% since 2020.

Retention of Coho and Pink salmon will be permitted in this opening and dockside validation of all Chinook landings is mandatory. Dual fishing for FSC is also permitted for designated participants in the Haida CBF opening. Area F Chinook and Coho catches are sampled for CWT recovery and DNA is collected from Chinook and Coho for GSI analysis.

Areas 1 & 2 - Haida Gwaii**Recreational:**

Preliminary recreational catch estimates for June are shown in the table below. Recreational catch estimates for July should be available in the next weekly update on August 12th.

Table 2. Preliminary Recreational Catch Estimates, Haida Gwaii



2025 Preliminary estimates of June recreational fishing catch for Haida Gwaii (Areas 1 and 2)

Month	Area	Effort (Boat trips)	Coho	Coho-Rel	Chinook	Chinook-Rel	Pink	Sockeye	Chum	Halibut	Lingcod	Rockfish
June	1	4,202	3,421	1,083	5,356	13,893	87	18	125	2,648	3,628	2,410
	2E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2W	863	119	5	1,821	2,809	11	0	5	680	2,590	1,106
	June Total	5,065	3,540	1,088	7,177	16,502	98	18	130	3,328	6,218	3,516

Note: Catch estimates are preliminary and subject to revision.

NC (North Coast) Chinook Management Plan

The following measures are in place:

Areas 1, 2, 142, and that portion of Area 101 west of 131 degrees 40.0 minutes West longitude:

- May 29, 2025 until July 31, 2025 - one (1) Chinook per day.
- August 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026 - two (2) Chinook per day.

Terminal Salmon Assessments:

The Haida Fisheries Program is operating the Yakoun River ARIS sonar installation again in 2025 to estimate Sockeye and Chinook salmon escapements. The Tlell Watershed Society is also planning to install the Tlell River counting fence by mid-August for video-based monitoring of Coho and Pink salmon escapement.

Terminal salmon assessments by vessel-based Charter are expected to start in early September and since it is not a dominant cycle Pink Salmon year (even years on Haida Gwaii) efforts will focus primarily on assessing Chum salmon abundance. In addition, the Haida Fisheries Program will carry out assessments of key watersheds in Skidegate Inlet, Masset Inlet, Naden Harbour and Rennell Sound.

Area 3 - Nass River

The Nass River fishwheels have been operating since June 1, 2025. In-season run size estimates past the Nass fishwheels are shown in Table 3. The current in-season sockeye Total Return to Canada (TRTC) forecast is from 325k to 488k (95% confidence intervals) with a point estimate of 406k. The current in-season Chinook TRTC forecast is from 17k to 18k (95% confidence intervals) with a point estimate of 17k.

Table 3. Nass fishwheel in-season run size estimate to date on July 31, 2025, and historical average run size (1994-2024) to date.

Year	Sockeye	Chinook	Coho	Steelhead
2025	244,035	9,372	4,867	937
1994-2024 Avg.	218,200	17,420	5,400	1,250

**Data from Nisga'a Lisims Government Fisheries and Wildlife Department.*

Water levels at the Gitwinksihlkw Fishwheels on July 31, 2025, were 2.1m as compared to the mean water levels from 1994-2024 of 2.0m. Water temperatures of 12.2°C are warmer than the 1994-2024 average of 10.2°C.



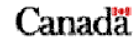
Nass River salmon stock assessment updates from the Nisga'a Fish and Wildlife Department will be available here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ahrrza0aplzcnamatapar/h?dl=0&rlkey=n51s6qgu0yze0vrphue8dk4ap>.

Net Fisheries:

For the 2025 fishing season, there have been twelve seine openings to July 31, 2025 and four gill net openings in Area 3 to July 26. Available catch information is provided below.

Table 4. Commercial Salmon Area 3 Seine In-season Estimated Catch.



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Commercial SALMON SEINE In-Season Estimated Catch-by-Area (Pieces) for Area A (North-PR) and for Period 01-Apr-2025 to 05-Aug-2025

Management Area 3

[Report Details by Subarea or Portion](#)

Stat Week	Week of Year	Date	Effort	Sockeye Salmon		Coho Salmon		Pink Salmon		Chum Salmon		Chinook Salmon		Steelhead		Status	Last Updated
				Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel		
		07-Jul	12	876	0	0	75	18043	0	10176	0	0	47	0	0	Preliminary	09-Jul-2025
		08-Jul	12	1344	0	0	110	28901	0	20211	0	0	99	0	0	Preliminary	09-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	24	2220	0	0	185	46944	0	30387	0	0	146	0	0		
		13-Jul	14	3175	0	0	124	103199	0	42562	0	0	40	0	0	Preliminary	15-Jul-2025
		14-Jul	15	587	0	0	58	40900	0	16267	0	0	22	0	0	Preliminary	15-Jul-2025
		17-Jul	15	3152	0	0	106	157667	0	26851	0	0	36	0	3	Preliminary	18-Jul-2025
		18-Jul	20	5262	0	0	197	211291	0	63912	0	0	58	0	34	Preliminary	22-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	64	12176	0	0	485	513057	0	149592	0	0	156	0	37		
		21-Jul	14	1977	0	0	107	98000	0	0	6007	0	19	0	3	Preliminary	22-Jul-2025
		22-Jul	11	2687	0	0	74	104500	0	0	2970	0	16	0	9	Preliminary	23-Jul-2025
		25-Jul	11	4479	0	0	122	165214	0	0	12643	0	23	0	8	Preliminary	28-Jul-2025
		26-Jul	11	6333	0	0	160	153000	0	0	9167	0	21	0	10	Preliminary	28-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	47	15476	0	0	463	520714	0	0	30787	0	79	0	30		
		30-Jul	18	6584	0	0	345	115969	0	0	12066	0	25	0	14	Preliminary	01-Aug-2025
		31-Jul	12	5062	0	0	314	74727	0	0	6655	0	75	0	35	Preliminary	01-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	30	11646	0	0	659	190696	0	0	18721	0	100	0	49		
		Total for Management Area 3 in Period	165	41518	0	0	1792	1271411	0	179979	49508	0	481	0	116		



Table 5. Commercial Salmon Area 3 Gill Net In-season Estimated Catch.



Fishery Operations System

**Commercial SALMON GILL NET In-Season Estimated Catch-by-Area (Pieces)
for Period 01-Apr-2025 to 05-Aug-2025**

Management Area 3

[Report Details by Subarea or Portion](#)

Stat Week	Week of Year	Date	Effort	Sockeye Salmon		Coho Salmon		Pink Salmon		Chum Salmon		Chinook Salmon		Steelhead		Status	Last Updated
				Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel		
		02-Jul	75	4752	0	0	100	4079	296	13098	0	0	16	0	1	Preliminary	08-Jul-2025
		03-Jul	75	3481	0	0	54	5335	606	14786	0	0	10	0	1	Preliminary	08-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	150	8233	0	0	154	9414	902	27884	0	0	26	0	2		
		09-Jul	93	4866	0	0	76	10602	1860	20083	137	0	29	0	2	Preliminary	14-Jul-2025
		10-Jul	72	2159	0	0	25	7158	1087	9005	58	0	15	0	0	Preliminary	14-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	165	7025	0	0	101	17760	2947	29088	195	0	44	0	2		
		Total for Management Area 3 in Period	315	15258	0	0	255	27174	3849	56972	195	0	70	0	4		

Notes:

1. Consult the applicable Fishery Manager or Biologist as to the status of particular catch estimates.

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CSAF Demonstration Fisheries:

Two CSAF Demonstration fisheries targeting Nass River Sockeye have been included in the 2025 IFMP. The fishery proponents, Nisga'a Lisims Government and Gitanyow First Nation, have a combined access to 20.83% of the Canadian Commercial Total Allowable Catch for the Nass. Gitanyow First Nation has implemented their Meziadin River Demonstration fishery July 27-August 1 and August 2-8, with catch data to date provided below:

Table 6. Preliminary harvest to date for Nass River Demonstration Fisheries in 2025.

Proponent	Commercial Share	Total Sockeye (pieces)
Gitanyow Fisheries Authority	8.760%	850

Two marine CSAF Demonstration fisheries targeting Area 3 Pink salmon were also included in the 2025 IFMP. North Coast Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society (NCSFNSS), Lax Kw'alaams Band and Metlakatla First Nation have indicated an interest in implementing these fisheries to access 17.08% of harvestable surplus for Area 3 Pink salmon, based on the Area 3 commercial seine harvest. Two openings have occurred July 15-16 with Sockeye and Chum retention, and August 1-3 with Sockeye retention permitted. Harvest data is provided in the following table:

*Table 7. Preliminary harvest to date for Area 3 Demonstration Fisheries in 2025.*

Proponent	Commercial Share	Catch to Date		
		Pink (pieces)	Chum (pieces)	Sockeye (pieces)
Coast Tsimshian (<i>Lax Kw'alaams, Metlakatla</i>)	5.693%	29,515	2193	2676
NCSFNSS (<i>Gitxaala, Gitga'at, Kitsumkalum, Kitselas</i>)	11.387%	66,272	3020	2986

As occurred in 2023 and 2024, an ESSR fishing plan that targets the harvestable surplus of Meziadin Sockeye has been approved for implementation by Gitanyow First Nation. Nisga'a Lisims Government has also provided an ESSR proposal that is undergoing evaluation.

Demonstration and ESSR fisheries are subject to annual approval of the respective fishing plans.

Meziadin Fishway:

The Meziadin Fishway operations began on July 1, 2025. A total of 76,274 sockeye salmon have been counted at the fishway as of August 4 (Table 8). Water levels were 1.20m at the Fishway on August 4, 2025, compared to the average of 1.23m from 1998-2024. Water temperature of 18.5°C is above the 1999-2024 average of 16.9°C.

Table 8. Cumulative Meziadin fishway counts to August 4 and historical mean cumulative adult count to date.

Year	Sockeye	Chinook	Coho	Steelhead
2025	76,274	13	2	-
1994-2024 Avg.	80,467	123	-	-

Historic and 2025 counts will be available here: <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/northcoast-cotenord/meziadin-eng.html>

Recreational Fisheries:

NC Chinook Management Plan

The following measures are in place:

Areas 3 to 5, 103 to 105, Subarea 102-1, and that portion of Area 101 east of 131 degrees 40.0 minutes West longitude:

- Effective June 1, 2025 at 00:01 hours to June 22, 2025 – One (1) Chinook per day.
- Effective June 23, 2025 to July 23, 2025 - Zero (0) Chinook per day.
- Effective July 24, 2025 to August 17, 2025 - One (1) Chinook per day.
- Effective August 18, 2025 to March 31, 2026 - two (2) Chinook per day.

Nass River watershed started closed to recreational Chinook retention.



Nass Chinook:

The following measures under [FN0653](#) were put into place for the tidal portion of Gingolx River and some subareas of PFMA 3 to address ongoing concerns for Nass Chinook:

- July 24, 2025 to August 8, 2025: Chinook daily quota zero (0) per day in Subareas 3-12 and 3-18
- August 9, 2025 to August 17, 2025: Chinook daily quota one (1) per day in Subareas 3-12 and 3-18
- August 18, 2025 to March 31, 2025: Chinook daily quota two (2) per day in Subareas 3-12 and 3-18
- Chinook daily quota zero (0) per day in the Tidal Waters of the Gingolx (Kincolith) River during the period of July 24, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Kwinageese Weir:

The Kwinageese Weir, operated by the Nisga'a Fish and Wildlife Department, started on July 11, 2025 and is scheduled to operate to October 10, 2025. As of July 31, 2025 total of 77 Chinook, 7 sockeye and 0 coho have been counted upstream. Current water level is 0.27 m as compared to the mean of 0.28m (2002-2024) and water temperature is 21.0 C.

Alaska Fisheries:

District 101 Gillnet Fishery:

The District 101 (D1) gillnet fishery opened for four days from July 27 through July 31. Catch and effort information is available below (Table 9). The D1 gillnet fishery opened again for four days from August 3 through August 7; catch information from that fishery will be available in the next update.

Table 9. Alaska District 101 gillnet harvest and effort (CPUE) for stat week 31 in 2025 and the 10-year average.

Species	District 101 Catch – Week 31 (CPUE)	10-Year Average (CPUE)
Chinook	10	50
Sockeye	1,600 (15)	2,700 (16)
Coho	200 (2)	1,100 (7)
Pink	7,000 (67)	38,500 (224)
Chum	17,000 (163)	33,700 (195)
Effort (boats)	26	40
Fishing Days	4	4.3

District 104 Seine Fishery:

The District 104 (D4) purse seine fishery opened for 15 hours on July 27 and extended to July 28. Catches from these fisheries are included in Table 10 below. The fishery opened again for 2 days on July 31 and August 1 and again on August 4 and 5; catch information from that fishery will be available in the next update.



Table 10. Alaska District 104 purse seine harvest by opening for stat week 31 in 2025.

	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Boats	Hours
27-Jul-25	1,050	12,700	5,000	200,000	23,000	16	15
27/28-Jul-25	-	50,000	20,000	1,470,000	78,000	80	39
Total SW 31	1,050	62,700	25,000	1,670,000	101,000		54

More information on Southeast Alaskan fisheries is available here:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishing.main>



Area 4 - Skeena River

As of August 4, 2025, the estimated Total Return to Canada (TRTC) ranges from 1.31– 2.35 million Sockeye with a point estimate of 1.75 million (Table 11, Figure 1).

Table 11. 2025 in-season run size estimate probability for Skeena Sockeye as of August 4, 2025.

Species	Stock	Escapement Target	TRTC	2025 In-season Run Size Estimate Probability				
				10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
Sockeye	Skeena	1,050,000	Mean			1,758,454		
			Median	2,351,005	2,053,862	1,758,141	1,510,248	1,317,096

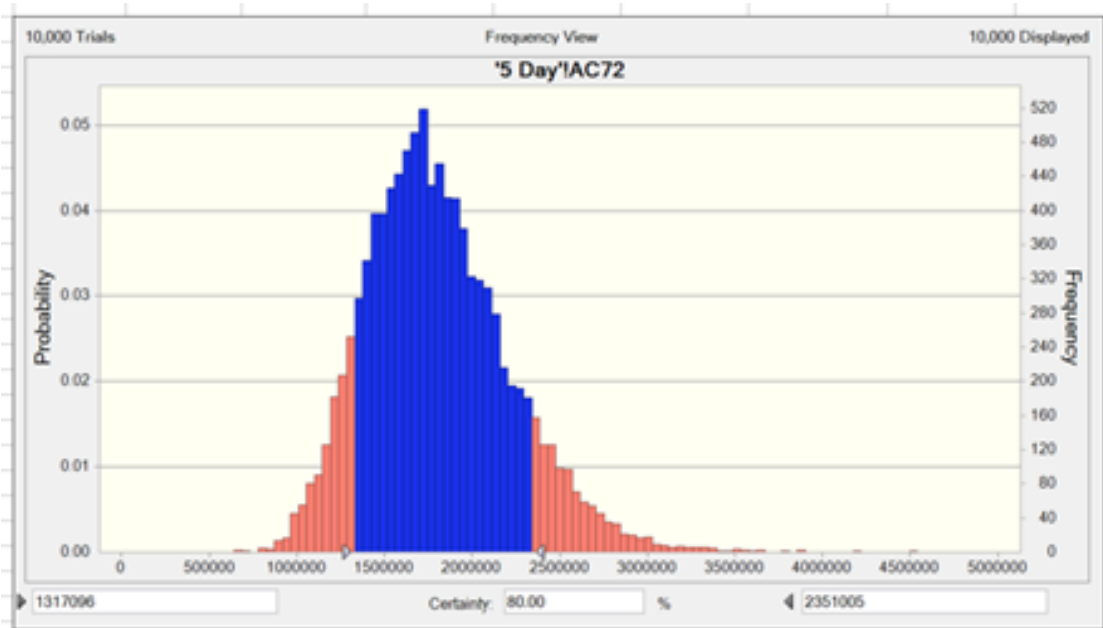


Figure 1. Total return to Canada run size probability distribution to August 4, 2025. Shaded areas indicate 80% CI.

Net Fisheries:

Area C:

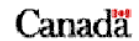
For the 2025 season, there have been ten gill net openings to August 4, 2025. Available catch information is provided below.



Table 12. Commercial Salmon Area 4 Gill Net In-season Estimated Catch



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**Commercial SALMON GILL NET In-Season Estimated Catch-by-Area (Pieces)
for Period 01-Apr-2025 to 05-Aug-2025**

Management Area 4

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Stat Week	Week of Year	Date	Effort	Sockeye Salmon		Coho Salmon		Pink Salmon		Chum Salmon		Chinook Salmon		Steelhead		Status	Last Updated
				Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel		
		12-Jul	106	3558	0	0	63	1805	424	0	615	0	64	0	7	Preliminary	14-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	106	3558	0	0	63	1805	424	0	615	0	64	0	7		
		13-Jul	102	4849	0	0	67	2397	694	0	805	0	78	0	8	Preliminary	14-Jul-2025
		17-Jul	169	19826	0	0	65	48219	0	0	205	0	71	0	17	Preliminary	21-Jul-2025
		18-Jul	155	14180	0	0	0	22271	4869	0	930	0	78	0	32	Preliminary	21-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	426	38855	0	0	132	72887	5563	0	1940	0	227	0	57		
		21-Jul	127	11868	0	0	42	19703	0	0	307	0	10	0	7	Preliminary	24-Jul-2025
		22-Jul	127	10910	0	0	164	11529	0	0	322	0	18	0	71	Preliminary	24-Jul-2025
		26-Jul	134	14232	0	0	39	17362	0	0	138	0	22	0	40	Preliminary	28-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	388	37010	0	0	245	48594	0	0	767	0	50	0	118		
		31-Jul	141	12028	0	0	129	17397	0	0	189	0	10	0	9	Preliminary	05-Aug-2025
		01-Aug	131	6941	0	0	57	5976	0	0	55	0	0	0	8	Preliminary	05-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	272	18969	0	0	186	23373	0	0	244	0	10	0	17		
		03-Aug	70	3638	0	0	62	1630	0	0	80	0	0	0	26	Preliminary	05-Aug-2025
		04-Aug	29	3550	0	0	2	433	0	0	9	0	0	0	3	Preliminary	05-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	99	7188	0	0	64	2063	0	0	89	0	0	0	29		
Total for Management Area 4 in Period			1291	105580	0	0	690	148722	5987	0	3655	0	351	0	228		

*Area A:*

The Area 4 Sockeye directed seine ITQ fishery opened Monday, August 4 – Thursday, August 7 with a TAC of 19,800 pieces (FN0756). Catch information will be provided when available. Current catch to date is provided below.

Table 13. Commercial Salmon Area 4 Seine Net In-season Estimated Catch



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**Commercial SALMON SEINE In-Season Estimated Catch-by-Area (Pieces)
for Period 01-Apr-2025 to 05-Aug-2025**

Management Area 4

[Report Details by Subarea or Portion](#)

Stat Week	Week of Year	Date	Effort	Sockeye Salmon		Coho Salmon		Pink Salmon		Chum Salmon		Chinook Salmon		Steelhead		Status	Last Updated
				Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel		
		23-Jul	7	1815	0	0	25	20392	0	0	24	0	39	0	10	Preliminary	28-Jul-2025
		24-Jul	9	6047	0	0	67	57707	0	0	203	0	53	0	6	Preliminary	28-Jul-2025
		25-Jul	6	2529	0	0	51	28019	0	0	114	0	29	0	6	Preliminary	28-Jul-2025
		26-Jul	5	1691	0	0	29	22190	0	0	58	0	16	0	17	Preliminary	28-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	27	12082	0	0	172	128308	0	0	399	0	137	0	39		
		27-Jul	5	3584	0	0	84	30500	0	0	141	0	64	0	35	Preliminary	28-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	5	3584	0	0	84	30500	0	0	141	0	64	0	35		
		Total for Management Area 4 in Period	32	15666	0	0	256	158808	0	0	540	0	201	0	74		

Notes:

1. Consult the applicable Fishery Manager or Biologist as to the status of particular catch estimates.

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CSAF Demonstration and Excess to Salmon Spawning Requirements (ESSR) Fisheries:

Four CSAF Demonstration fisheries targeting Skeena Sockeye were previously approved, with two new fisheries included in the 2025 IFMP. North Coast Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society (NCSFNSS), Kitsumkalum Band, Kitselas First Nation, Metlakatla First Nation, Lax Kw'alaams Band, Gitxsan First Nation, and Lake Babine Nation fisheries represent access to 20.83% of the Canadian Commercial Allowable Catch, further divided by geographic area and proponent.

Three openings for the three Area 4 marine Demonstration fisheries, implemented by NCSFNSS, Metlakatla First Nation, and Lax Kw'alaams Band, have occurred July 9-10, July 19-20, and July 26-27. An additional opening is being provided August 6-7 with cumulative harvest information provided in the table below. "Type B" Dual Fishing, or the retention of non-target species for FSC purposes, was applicable to this opportunity.

*Table 14. Preliminary harvest to date for Area 4 Demonstration Fisheries in 2025.*

Proponent	Commercial Share	Total Harvest (# Sockeye)
Lax Kw'alaams Band	1.157%	625
Metlakatla First Nation	1.157%	1891
NCSFNSS (Gitxaala, Gitga'at)	2.314%	5474

In the Lower Skeena, openings for the Kitselas First Nation Demonstration fishery were provided July 17-23, July 24-30, July 31-August 6, and are expected to continue for another week. There has not been any harvest to date. The Kitsumkalum Sockeye Demonstration fishery was also provided openings from July 18-21, July 22-28, July 29-August 4, and continues August 5-11, with preliminary harvest data available below.

Mid-river, the Gitksan Watershed Authorities Demonstration fishery was implemented August 1-7 with harvest information provided following the close of the fishery.

Table 15. Preliminary harvest to date for Skeena River Demonstration Fisheries in 2025.

Proponent	Commercial Share	Total Harvest (# Sockeye)
Kitsumkalum First Nation	1.157%	1509
Kitselas First Nation	1.157%	0
Gitksan Watershed Authorities	6.943%	-

Three ESSRs in the Skeena River watershed were included in the 2025 IFMP: Babine Jack Sockeye (Lake Babine Nation), Babine Large Sockeye (Lake Babine Nation), and Bulkley River Pink salmon (Wet'suwet'en Treaty Office Society). The Kitwanga Pink ESSR fishery, which had occurred historically, has seen renewed interest from Gitanyow First Nation with the intention to revisit previous trigger mechanisms and develop an updated fishing plan for 2025. The Bulkley River (Witset Canyon) Pink ESSR commenced July 30-August 5 and continues August 6-12. Catch information is provided below:

Table 16. Preliminary harvest to date for North Coast ESSR Fisheries in 2025.

Proponent	Location	Total Harvest
Wet'suwet'en Treaty Office Society	Witset Canyon	160 Pinks

Implementation of CSAF Demonstration fisheries and ESSRs is subject to approval of the respective fishing plans.

Recreational Fisheries:

Area 3 and 4 Creel Survey

May Summary

The North Coast Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society began their creel survey operations in May of 2025. They performed 301 interviews totalling 891 anglers, with a reported catch of 424



Chinook and 9 Coho. These numbers are expanded and produce a catch estimate of 1,105 Chinook and 23 Coho for the month of May.

June Summary

In June of 2025 they performed 629 interviews totalling 1,964 anglers, with a reported catch of 629 Chinook, 157 Coho, and 20 Pink. These numbers are expanded and produce a catch estimate of 1,951 Chinook, 865 Coho, and 208 Pink for the month of June.

NC Chinook Management Plan

The following measures are in place:

Areas 3 to 5, 103 to 105, Subarea 102-1, and that portion of Area 101 east of 131 degrees 40.0 minutes West longitude:

- Effective June 1, 2025 at 00:01 hours to June 22, 2025 – One (1) Chinook per day.
- Effective June 23, 2025 to July 23, 2025 - Zero (0) Chinook per day.
- Effective July 24, 2025 to August 17, 2025 - One (1) Chinook per day.
- Effective August 18, 2025 to March 31, 2026 - two (2) Chinook per day.

The Skeena River watershed started closed to recreational Chinook retention.

Skeena River Watershed Recreational Fishery:

Portions of the Skeena River watershed are open for recreational harvest of two (2) sockeye per day.

Tyee Test Fishery:

The test fishery began operation on June 10, 2025. As of August 4, the estimated number of large sockeye past Tyee is 1,238,138.

Table 17. Tyee test fishery cumulative index to date August 4, 2025 and ten-year average (2014-2024) to date.

Year	Sockeye	Coho	Pink (odd)	Chum	Lg. Chinook	Steelhead
2025	857.73	9.76	1079.83	11.91	113.7	20.7
2024	1151.69	13.55	-	4.83	61.52	89.06
2023	947.84	18.82	585.48	8.96	88.11	12.55
2022	2229.64	19.15	-	6.26	148.05	34.8
2021	586.31	21.76	264.66	2.95	73.65	10.72
2015-2024 Average	942.73	17.49	187.32	8.42	90.56	53.43

The 2025 Tyee test fishery daily and cumulative sockeye escapement estimate data, along with 2025 daily and cumulative escapement indices by species, are available here:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/northcoast-cotenord/skeenatyee-eng.html>

Babine Fence:



The Babine Fence began operations on July 9 this year. As of August 4, 2025 a total of 228,110 large sockeye have been counted (Table 18). The water level and temperature on August 4 are approximately 0.6m and 18°C, respectively.

Table 18. Cumulative Babine Fence counts to August 4.

Year	Sockeye (large)	Sockeye (jack)	Chinook (large)	Chinook (jack)	Coho	Pink	Steelhead
2025	228,110	3,822	50	62	5	2,181	-

Historic and 2025 counts will be available here:

<https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/northcoast-cotenord/babine-eng.html>

Kitwanga Weir:

The lower Kitwanga River Adult Salmon Enumeration Facility (KSEF) was fully operational on July 11. Updates provided by the Gitanyow Fisheries Authority are available here:

www.gitanyowfisheries.com

Sustut Weir:

The Province of BC will be operating the Sustut Weir this year. It is expected to be operational by August.

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Net Fisheries:

Area A:

There have been two seine net openings to August 4, 2025. Available catch information is provided below.

Table 19. Commercial Salmon Area 4 Gill Net In-season Estimated Catch



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Commercial SALMON SEINE In-Season Estimated Catch-by-Area (Pieces) for Period 01-Apr-2025 to 05-Aug-2025

Management Area 6

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Stat Week	Week of Year	Date	Effort	Sockeye Salmon		Coho Salmon		Pink Salmon		Chum Salmon		Chinook Salmon		Steelhead		Status	Last Updated
				Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel		
		24-Jul	2	0	420	0	115	13000	0	0	1800	0	6	0	0	Preliminary	30-Jul-2025
		25-Jul	1	0	80	0	5	8500	0	0	150	0	2	0	0	Preliminary	29-Jul-2025
		Total for Week	3	0	500	0	120	21500	0	0	1950	0	8	0	0		
		Total for Management Area 6 in Period	3	0	500	0	120	21500	0	0	1950	0	8	0	0		

Notes:

1. Consult the applicable Fishery Manager or Biologist as to the status of particular catch estimates.

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**CSAF Demonstration Fisheries:**

One previously approved CSAF Demonstration fishery targeting Area 6 Pinks was included in the 2025 IFMP with implementation pending through Gitga'at First Nation.

Recreational Fisheries*Area 6 Creel Survey*

Information will be provided once the Department receives it.

Areas 7 to 10 - Central Coast

Resource Management assessment overflights are scheduled to begin in the second week of August, and Charter Patrol is fully operational in Areas 7 and 8.

In Area 7, a good presence of Pinks has been observed but no abundance of Chum noted at this time. Chum jumpers have been being observed in Area 8, stream assessments are being conducted by DFO and Nuxalk Fisheries Program staff. Chum are being observed in small numbers during creek walks in local Bella Coola River tributaries.

Recreational Fisheries:

Data will be provided when available later in the season.

The Heiltsuk, Kitasoo/Xai'xais, Nuxalk, and Wuikinuxv Nations, under the direction of the Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (CCIRA) continue to collect data through a creel survey and over-flight program. The program will assess recreational and First Nations' Food, Social, and Ceremonial (FSC) fisheries in marine portions of Areas 6 to 9, and in the Bella Coola River system within freshwater Region 5B Survey. Survey work will occur through September 2025. Recreational and Indigenous fishers should be aware that they may be approached by creel surveyors from the Nations to collect important data from these fisheries.