

**North Coast Salmon Update #8 – 26 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

The Area F Chinook Salmon ITQ full fleet opening ([FN0744](#)) and the Haida Community Based Chinook opening ([FN0806](#)) started on August 16th. There are currently 75 vessels participating in the main opening, which includes portions of PFMA 1, 101, 2W and 142. An additional 10 vessels are also designated under the Haida CBF troll licence including 3 full sized trollers and 7 smaller restricted gear vessels.

Weekly estimates of effort, catch and releases for the northern troll fishery to August 25th are summarized in Table 1 below. An additional 330 Chinook and 85 Coho have been caught and sold in the Haida CBF opening. Dual fishing for FSC salmon and groundfish is also permitted in this opening.

These Chinook directed ITQ fisheries will remain open until September 30.

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	40	0	497	2,029	4	2,799	26	18	2	0	30
28	12-Jul	80	0	760	4,010	3	5,874	15	84	3	0	37
29	19-Jul	103	0	1,116	6,052	0	5,118	19	42	2	0	60
30	26-Jul	141	0	1,331	6,725	17	6,988	3	33	6	0	65
31	2-Aug	173	0	1,854	11,198	6	9,267	47	127	10	0	127
32	9-Aug	132	0	1,308	6,700	0	4,908	148	84	0	0	53
33	16-Aug	114	6,341	792	2,300	25	1,852	81	0	175	0	78
34	23-Aug	592	32,864	3,591	6,987	55	418	459	0	541	1	500
35	30-Aug	154	4,114	906	893	0	68	50	0	16	0	60
Total		1529	43,319	12,155	46,894	110	37,292	848	388	755	1	1,010

Note: Effort reported as vessel-days.

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

Preliminary recreational catch estimates for June and July are shown in Table 2 below. August estimates will also be available in early September.



Table 2. Preliminary Recreational Catch Estimates, Haida Gwaii

Month	Area	Effort (Boat trips)	Coho	Coho-Rel	Chinook	Chinook-Rel	Pink	Sockeye	Chum	Halibut	Lingcod	Rockfish
June	1	4,202	3,421	1,063	5,356	13,632	87	18	125	2,648	3,628	2,410
	2E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2W	863	119	5	1,821	2,609	11	0	5	680	2,590	1,106
June Total		5,065	3,540	1,068	7,177	16,241	98	18	130	3,328	6,218	3,516
July	1	4,643	11,949	2,482	5,567	7,152	264	36	111	2,788	3,068	3,057
	2E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2W	923	1,068	140	1,857	2,966	33	0	16	742	2,735	1,337
July Total		5,566	13,017	2,622	7,424	10,118	297	36	127	3,530	5,803	4,394
TTD (June-July)	1	8,845	15,370	3,545	10,923	20,784	351	54	236	5,436	6,696	5,467
	2E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2W	1,786	1,187	145	3,678	5,575	44	0	21	1,422	5,325	2,443
All Areas		10,631	16,557	3,690	14,601	26,359	395	54	257	6,858	12,021	7,910

Note: Catch estimates are preliminary and subject to revision.

NC (North Coast) Recreational 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 River counting fence was installed yesterday 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 418k to 457k (95% confidence intervals) with a point estimate of 437k. The current in-season Chinook TRTC forecast is a point estimate of 18k.

Table 3. Nass fishwheel in-season run size estimate to date on August 24, 2025, and historical average run size (1994-2024) to date.

Year	Sockeye	Chinook	Coho	Steelhead
2025	348,030	10,829	35,545	6,776
1994-2024 Avg.	296,600	18,040	63,400	7,900

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



Water levels at the Gitwinksihlkw Fishwheels on August 17, 2025, were 1.6m as compared to the mean water levels from 1994-2024 of 1.8m. Water temperatures of 11.9°C are warmer than the 1994-2024 average of 9.6°C.


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

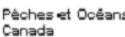
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Net Fisheries:

For the 2025 fishing season, there have been fourteen seine openings and four gill net openings in Area 3 to date. Preliminary 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 Period 01-Apr-2025 to 19-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		
		04-Aug	7	2660	0	0	425	49800	0	0	4575	0	44	0	15	Preliminary	05-Aug-2025
		05-Aug	5	1440	0	0	300	22350	0	0	1925	0	14	0	7	Preliminary	06-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	12	4100	0	0	725	72150	0	0	6500	0	58	0	22		
Total for Management Area 3 in Period			177	45618	0	0	2517	1343561	0	179979	56008	0	539	0	138		

Notes:

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

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Table 5. Commercial Salmon Area 3 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 26-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	2607	296	13098	0	0	16	0	1	Reviewed	21-Aug-2025
		03-Jul	75	3481	0	0	54	3410	606	14786	0	0	10	0	1	Reviewed	21-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	150	8233	0	0	154	6017	902	27884	0	0	26	0	2		
		09-Jul	93	5375	0	0	76	11635	1860	20114	137	0	29	0	2	Reviewed	21-Aug-2025
		10-Jul	72	2385	0	0	25	7855	1087	9020	58	0	15	0	0	Reviewed	21-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	165	7760	0	0	101	19490	2947	29134	195	0	44	0	2		
		Total for Management Area 3 in Period	315	15993	0	0	255	25507	3849	57018	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 (NLG) 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 to August 25, with harvest data provided following.

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

Proponent	Commercial Share	Total Sockeye (pieces)
Gitanyow Fisheries Authority	8.760%	9311

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 access to 17.08% of harvestable surplus for Area 3 Pink salmon, based on the Area 3 commercial seine harvest. Openings occurred on July 15-16 with Sockeye and Chum retention, August 1-3 with Sockeye retention permitted, and August 9-10 with no bycatch retention. The fishery is now closed for the balance of the season with harvest data provided following:



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%	87,402	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 143,436 sockeye salmon have been counted at the fishway as of August 25 (Table 8). Water levels were 1.19m at the Fishway on August 25, 2025, compared to the average of 1.24m from 1998-2024. Water temperature of 17°C is warmer than the 1999-2024 average of 15.4°C.

Table 8. Cumulative Meziadin fishway counts to August 25 and historical mean cumulative adult count to date.

Year	Sockeye	Chinook	Coho	Steelhead
2025	143,436	34	247	-
1994-2024 Avg.	140,692	223	338	-

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 Recreational 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 Recreational Management Plan

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 August 24, 2025 total of 570 Chinook, 1,717 sockeye, 93 coho, and 10 steelhead have been counted upstream. Current water level is 0.36m as compared to the mean of 0.29m (2002-2024) and water temperature is 18.4°C.

Alaska Fisheries:

District 101 Gillnet Fishery:

The District 101 (D1) gillnet fishery from August 17 through August 19. Catch and effort information is available below (Table 9). The D1 gillnet fishery opened again for four days from August 24 through August 28; preliminary 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 34 in 2025 and the 10-year average.

Species	District 101 Catch – Week 34 (CPUE)	10-Year Average (CPUE)
Chinook	10	7
Sockeye	1,200 (13)	970 (9)
Coho	1,400 (15)	1,900 (18)
Pink	12,000 (125)	20,300 (194)
Chum	7,000 (73)	11,700 (112)
Effort (boats)	24	26
Fishing Days	4	4

District 104 Seine Fishery:

The District 104 (D4) purse seine fishery opened from August 16 – 17 and again on August 21. Catches from this fishery are included in Table 10 below. The fishery closed for the 2025 season following the August 21 opening.



Table 10. Alaska District 104 purse seine harvest by opening for stat week 33B/34 in 2025.

	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Boats	Hours
Aug 16-17	-	4,500	1,200	157,000	6,100	20	39
Aug 21	20	1,500	900	60,000	3,000	12	15

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 25, 2025, the estimated Total Return to Canada (TRTC) is a point estimate of 1.69 million with an estimated 97% of the aggregate run expected to have passed using average run timing.

Net Fisheries:

Area C:

For the 2025 season, there have been twelve gill net openings to August 8, 2025. Preliminary 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 26-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	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel		
		12-Jul	106	4126	0	0	73	1487	701	0	883	0	92	0	8	Final	22-Aug-2025
Total for Week				106	4126	0	0	73	1487	701	0	883	0	92	0	8	
		13-Jul	102	5655	0	0	78	1974	894	0	1038	0	103	0	19	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
		17-Jul	169	20169	0	0	80	29654	5254	0	1238	0	101	0	52	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
		18-Jul	155	14402	0	0	0	13696	4894	0	940	0	84	0	36	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
Total for Week				426	40226	0	0	158	45324	11042	0	3216	0	288	0	107	
		21-Jul	127	16041	0	0	176	22827	7837	0	522	0	103	0	52	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
		22-Jul	127	14746	0	0	142	13356	7381	0	416	0	80	0	58	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
		26-Jul	134	23925	0	0	216	18344	0	0	561	0	89	0	101	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
Total for Week				388	54712	0	0	534	54527	15218	0	1499	0	272	0	211	
		31-Jul	141	12510	0	0	158	7172	0	0	385	0	41	0	74	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
		01-Aug	131	7219	0	0	115	3189	0	0	284	0	0	0	45	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
Total for Week				272	19729	0	0	273	10361	0	0	669	0	41	0	119	
		03-Aug	96	8487	0	0	98	3635	0	0	279	0	0	0	34	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
		04-Aug	53	4146	0	0	74	1347	0	0	213	0	0	0	36	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
		08-Aug	36	2145	0	0	67	1162	0	0	67	0	0	0	6	Reviewed	25-Aug-2025
Total for Week				185	14778	0	0	239	6144	0	0	559	0	0	0	76	
Total for Management Area 4 in Period			1377	133571	0	0	1277	117843	26961	0	6826	0	693	0	521		

Notes:

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

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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). Preliminary catch numbers to date are 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 26-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		
		04-Aug	5	3695	0	0	134	33206	0	0	162	0	33	0	73	Preliminary	13-Aug-2025
		05-Aug	6	749	0	0	129	12067	0	0	99	15	27	0	50	Preliminary	13-Aug-2025
		06/07 -Aug	8	2281	0	0	332	21436	0	0	115	0	57	0	87	Preliminary	13-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	19	6725	0	0	595	66709	0	0	376	15	117	0	210		
		Total for Management Area 4 in Period	51	22391	0	0	851	225517	0	0	916	15	318	0	284		

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.

Openings for the three Area 4 marine Demonstration fisheries, implemented by NCSFNSS, Metlakatla First Nation, and Lax Kw'alaams Band, were provided July 9-10, 19-20, 26-27, and August 6-7. The fishery is closed for the balance of the season 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 Area 4 opportunities with an aggregate reporting of retention provided at Post Season Review.

*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%	1117
Metlakatla First Nation	1.157%	1959
NCSFNSS (Gitxaala, Gitga'at)	2.314%	5474

In the Lower Skeena, openings for the Kitselas First Nation Demonstration fishery were provided between July 17 and August 13. The Kitsumkalum Sockeye Demonstration fishery was also provided openings between July 18 and August 11. Both fisheries are now closed for the balance of the season with preliminary harvest data available in Table 15.

Mid-river, the Gitksan Watershed Authorities Demonstration fishery was implemented August 1 and continues to date. Preliminary harvest information is provided below.

In the Upper Skeena, Lake Babine Nation commenced terminal Demonstration efforts as of August 21 in Babine Lake. Preliminary catch information is provided below, current to August 24.

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

Proponent	Commercial Share	Total Harvest (# Sockeye)
Kitsumkalum First Nation	1.157%	1911
Kitselas First Nation	1.157%	0
Gitksan Watershed Authorities	6.943%	4321
Lake Babine Nation	6.943%	14,277

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 has occurred historically, has seen renewed interest from Gitanyow First Nation with the intention to revisit trigger mechanisms. The Bulkley River (Witset Canyon) Pink ESSR commenced July 30 and continues to date. Preliminary catch information is provided, current to August 19:

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	1136 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.

July Summary

In July of 2025 they performed 1096 interviews totalling 3,760 anglers, with a reported catch of 284 Chinook, 5,728 Coho, 541 Pink, 4 Sockeye and 1 Chum. These numbers are expanded and produce a catch estimate of 1,171 Chinook, 22,094 Coho, 2,198 Pink, 17 Sockeye and 4 Chum for the month of July.

NC Recreational 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 25, the estimated number of large Sockeye past Tyee is 1,464,901.

Table 17. Tyee test fishery cumulative index to date August 25, 2025 and ten-year average (2014-2024) to date.

Year	Sockeye	Coho	Pink (odd)	Chum	Lg. Chinook	Steelhead
2025	1014.82	26.38	1338.13	23.23	116.62	42.08
2024	1317.54	32.91	-	14.05	64.01	133.09
2023	1202.47	94.99	1052.72	50.92	91.33	33.4
2022	2805.54	42.52	-	33.32	150.04	59.83
2021	823.71	41.99	374.17	6.93	76.18	20.96
2015-2024 Average	1222.83	44.54	370.17	30.87	95.37	85.27

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 25, 2025 a total of 883,112 large sockeye have been counted (Table 18). The water level and temperature on August 25 are approximately 0.50m and 17°C, respectively.

Table 18. Cumulative Babine Fence counts to August 25.

Year	Sockeye (large)	Sockeye (jack)	Chinook (large)	Chinook (jack)	Coho	Pink	Steelhead
2025	883,112	17,671	289	515	217	70,463	21

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. Information will be included when it is available.



Area 6

Net Fisheries:

Area A:

There have been two seine net openings to date, July 24 and 25 2025. Preliminary catch information is provided below.

Table 19. Commercial Salmon Area 6 Seine Net In-season Estimated Catch



Fishery Operations System

Commercial SALMON SEINE In-Season Estimated Catch-by-Area (Pieces) for Period 01-Apr-2025 to 26-Aug-2025

Management Area 6

[Report Details by Subarea or Portion](#)

			Sockeye Salmon		Coho Salmon		Pink Salmon		Chum Salmon		Chinook Salmon		Steelhead		
Stat Week	Week of Year	Effort	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	
07/4	30	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 ongoing in the Central Coast, and Charter Patrol operations are fully active in Areas 7 and 8.

In Area 7, a strong presence of Pinks has been observed, but in river assessment efforts were hampered over the weekend due to rising water conditions, and Chum abundance remains low at this time. In-stream Chum inspections in Bella Coola are ongoing with reports indicating that peak spawning has now passed.

The Atnarko River Chinook mark and recapture program is ongoing.



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.