

**North Coast Salmon Update #9 – 2 September 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 less than 60 vessels participating in the 2025 main opening, which had a maximum daily participation of 89 vessels at the start. The Chinook salmon catch to September 1st is approximately 51% of the 2025 Area F TAC (109,700). With decreasing CPUE (less than 30 per vessel-day) participation in this opening is expected to decline to just a few vessels by mid-September. Weekly estimates of effort, catch and releases for the northern troll fishery to September 1st are summarized in Table 1 below.

An additional 10 vessels are also designated under the Haida CBF troll licence including 3 full sized trollers and 7 smaller restricted gear vessels. Due to prevailing strong northwest winds, no effort has occurred in the Haida troll CBF since August 21<sup>st</sup> so catches to date have not changed since the last weekly update.

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 Date	Effort	Chinook		Coho		Pink		Sockeye		Chum	
			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	113	6,642	777	2,237	23	1,839	77	0	150	0	71
34	23-Aug	591	33,806	3,555	6,581	41	398	385	0	527	0	486
35	30-Aug	450	12,304	2,083	3,371	17	129	212	0	86	0	231
36	6-Sep	112	3,216	717	588	0	8	0	0	8	0	97
<b>Total</b>		<b>1935</b>	<b>55,968</b>	<b>13,998</b>	<b>49,491</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>37,328</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,257</b>

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
<b>June Total</b>		<b>5,065</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>7,177</b>	<b>16,241</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>6,218</b>	<b>3,516</b>
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
<b>July Total</b>		<b>5,566</b>	<b>13,017</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>7,424</b>	<b>10,118</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>3,530</b>	<b>5,803</b>	<b>4,394</b>
<b>TTD</b> (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
<b>All Areas</b>		<b>10,631</b>	<b>16,557</b>	<b>3,690</b>	<b>14,601</b>	<b>26,359</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>6,858</b>	<b>12,021</b>	<b>7,910</b>

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:**

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 425k to 443k (95% confidence intervals) with a point estimate of 434k. 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 31, 2025, and historical average run size (1994-2024) to date.*

Year	Sockeye	Chinook	Coho	Steelhead
2025	353,255	10,946	39,720	9,129
1994-2024 Avg.	305,200	18,160	77,900	10,380

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

Water levels at the Gitwinksihlkw Fishwheels on August 17, 2025, were 1.4m as compared to the mean water levels from 1994-2024 of 1.6m. Water temperatures of 12.1°C are warmer than the 1994-2024 average of 9.0°C.

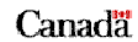


Nass River salmon stock assessment updates from the Nisga'a Fish and Wildlife Department will be available here: [Nisga'a Fisheries Nass Stock Assessment Updates - Dropbox](#)

### 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 02-Sep-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	807	0	0	107	28043	0	12104	0	0	55	0	0	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		08-Jul	12	1237	0	0	168	44921	0	24039	0	0	109	0	0	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	24	2044	0	0	275	72964	0	36143	0	0	164	0	0		
		13-Jul	14	3381	0	0	315	113702	0	167413	0	0	55	0	0	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		14-Jul	15	625	0	0	170	45063	0	63985	0	0	34	0	0	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		17-Jul	15	3391	0	0	196	141573	0	13315	0	0	57	0	34	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		18-Jul	20	5662	0	0	164	189724	0	31692	0	0	52	0	20	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	64	13059	0	0	845	490062	0	276405	0	0	198	0	54		
		21-Jul	14	5513	0	0	215	126750	0	0	9174	0	34	0	24	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		22-Jul	11	7492	0	0	135	135157	0	0	6170	0	39	0	14	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		25-Jul	11	5721	0	0	207	106817	0	0	10235	0	45	0	9	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		26-Jul	11	8088	0	0	150	98920	0	0	5896	0	30	0	4	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	47	26814	0	0	707	467644	0	0	31475	0	148	0	51		
		30-Jul	18	6030	0	0	582	74164	0	0	15880	0	72	0	32	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		31-Jul	12	4636	0	0	385	47789	0	0	10827	0	92	0	26	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	30	10666	0	0	967	121953	0	0	26707	0	164	0	58		
		04-Aug	7	4415	0	0	405	37405	0	0	4455	0	53	0	4	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		05-Aug	5	1550	0	0	351	16787	0	0	3070	0	29	0	6	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	12	5965	0	0	756	54192	0	0	7525	0	82	0	10		
		Total for Management Area 3 in Period	177	58548	0	0	3550	1206815	0	312548	65707	0	756	0	173		

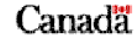
#### Notes:

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 02-Sep-2025**

**Management Area 3**

				Report Details by Subarea or Portion												Status	Last Updated
Stat Week	Week of Year	Date	Effort	Sockeye Salmon Kept	Sockeye Salmon Rel	Coho Salmon Kept	Coho Salmon Rel	Pink Salmon Kept	Pink Salmon Rel	Chum Salmon Kept	Chum Salmon Rel	Chinook Salmon Kept	Chinook Salmon Rel	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel		
		02-Jul	75	4752	0	0	103	2607	352	13098	0	0	19	0	1	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		03-Jul	75	3481	0	0	56	3410	665	14786	0	0	10	0	1	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		Total for Week	150	8233	0	0	159	6017	1017	27884	0	0	29	0	2		
		09-Jul	93	5375	0	0	67	11635	1838	20114	137	0	30	0	2	Reviewed	26-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	92	19490	2925	29134	195	0	45	0	2		
		Total for Management Area 3 in Period	315	15993	0	0	251	25507	3942	57018	195	0	74	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 date, with harvest data to Aug 25 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	Pink (pieces)	Catch to Date	
			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.

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 166,278 Sockeye salmon have been counted at the fishway as of September 1 (Table 8). Water levels were 1.13m at the Fishway, compared to the average of 1.21m on this date from 1998-2024. Water temperature of 18.5°C is warmer than the 1999-2024 average of 14.6°C.

*Table 8. Cumulative Meziadin fishway counts to September 1 and historical mean cumulative adult count to date.*

Year	Sockeye	Chinook	Coho	Steelhead
2025	166,278	36	596	0
1994-2024 Avg.	157,004	244	894	2

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.

Under FN0896, effective August 30, 2025 to September 6, 2025, recreational fishing for Sockeyesalmon is open to one (1) Sockeyeper day in the waters of Meziadin Lake (excluding tributaries).

#### **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 31, 2025 total of 637 Chinook, 3,202 sockeye, 486 Coho, and 19 steelhead have been counted upstream. Current water level is 0.29m as compared to the mean of 0.30m (2002-2024) and water temperature is 18.1°C.

#### **Alaska Fisheries:**

Information on Southeast Alaskan fisheries is available here:  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishing.main>

#### **Area 4 - Skeena River**

As of September 1, 2025, the estimated Total Return to Canada (TRTC) is a point estimate of 1.67 million with an estimated 99% 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 02-Sep-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	11256	0	561	0	89	0	101	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
Total for Week				388	54712	0	0	534	54527	26474	0	1499	0	272	0	211	
		31-Jul	141	12510	0	0	158	7172	9311	0	385	0	41	0	74	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		01-Aug	131	7219	0	0	115	3189	4328	0	284	0	0	0	45	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
Total for Week				272	19729	0	0	273	10361	13639	0	669	0	41	0	119	
		03-Aug	96	8487	0	0	98	3635	3553	0	279	0	0	0	34	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		04-Aug	53	4146	0	0	74	1347	2435	0	213	0	0	0	36	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
		08-Aug	36	2145	0	0	67	1162	1448	0	67	0	0	0	6	Reviewed	26-Aug-2025
Total for Week				185	14778	0	0	239	6144	7436	0	559	0	0	0	76	
Total for Management Area 4 in Period			1377	133571	0	0	1277	117843	59292	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 Sockeyedirected 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 02-Sep-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:

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

Four CSAF Demonstration fisheries targeting Skeena Sockeyewere 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.*

<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Commercial Share</b>	<b>Total Harvest (# Sockeye)</b>
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 is expected to continue to September 4. Preliminary harvest information is provided below.

In the Upper Skeena, Lake Babine Nation implemented terminal Demonstration efforts from August 21-28 in Babine Lake at the mouth of Fulton River. Preliminary catch information is provided below.

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

<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Commercial Share</b>	<b>Total Harvest (# Sockeye)</b>
Kitsumkalum First Nation	1.157%	1911
Kitselas First Nation	1.157%	0
Gitksan Watershed Authorities	6.943%	5946
Lake Babine Nation	6.943%	31,764

ESSRs in the Skeena River watershed for the 2025 season include Babine Lake (Lake Babine Nation) Sockeye, Witset Canyon (Wet'suwet'en Treaty Office Society) Pink, and Kitwanga River (Gitanyow Fisheries Authority) Pink fisheries. The Witset Canyon Pink ESSR commenced July 30 and closed for the balance of the season on August 26. Lake Babine Nation is targeting both Jack and adult Sockeye salmon within the same fishery which was implemented August 28 adjacent to Fulton River. The Kitwanga River Pink fishery has been licenced for September 1-15 with a small-scale sample of the Kitwanga Pink population. Preliminary catch information for the fisheries is provided below:

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

<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Harvest</b>
Wet'suwet'en Treaty Office Society	Witset Canyon	1659 Pinks
Lake Babine Nation	Babine Lake: Fulton River	50,000 Sockeye
Gitanyow Fisheries Authority	Kitwanga River	- 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.

Under [FN0882](#) the daily limit for Sockeye increased to four (4) Sockeye per day effective August 29, 2025 to September 15, 2025 in Babine Lake.

#### **Tyee Test Fishery:**

The test fishery began operation on June 10, 2025. As of September 1, the estimated number of large Sockeye past Tyee is 1,468,291.



*Table 17. Tyee test fishery cumulative index to date September 1, 2025 and ten-year average (2014-2024) to date.*

Year	Sockeye	Coho	Pink (odd)	Chum	Lg. Chinook	Steelhead
2025	1017.16	28.12	1342.24	24.55	116.62	45.38
2024	1328.76	44.62	-	19.18	64.01	138.82
2023	1221.32	109.55	1077.52	60.21	91.52	37.1
2022	2816.26	44.6	-	34.2	150.04	60.55
2021	865.57	45.56	384.08	7.67	76.48	21.55
2015-2024 Average	1251.56	50.71	376.08	34.24	95.63	90.01

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 September 1, 2025 a total of 1,035,695 large Sockeye have been counted (Table 18). The water level and temperature on are approximately 0.50m and 19°C, respectively.

*Table 18. Cumulative Babine Fence counts to September 1.*

Year	Sockeye(large)	Sockeye(jack)	Chinook (large)	Chinook (jack)	Coho	Pink	Steelhead
2025	1,035,695	21,874	452	837	838	95,920	39

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](http://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 02-Sep-2025**

**Management Area 6**

Management Area 6										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			
		24/25-Jul	3	0	500	0	120	21500	0	0	1950	0	8	0	0	Reviewed	22-Aug-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 through Gitga'at First Nation.

**Recreational Fisheries**

*Area 6 Creel Survey*

Information will be provided post season.

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.

Reports indicate that Pink salmon abundance in Area 7 creeks is higher than expected, while Chum abundance remains low. In Area 8, Pink salmon returns have been inconsistent, with the Atnarko River showing below-average numbers, but Kwatna and other smaller streams in the area are above-average abundance.

Water levels in Area 7 creeks remain low, and the forecast for the rest of the week offers little improvement.

The Atnarko River Chinook mark and recapture program is ongoing.



Snootli Hatchery has completed its egg-take operations on Snootli and Saloompt creeks.

### **Recreational Fisheries:**

Data will be available post 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.