



Public Notice

Update on Nisga'a Individual-Sale (IS) Fishery Targets to 31 July 2013 & NLG's Demonstration Selective Fishery

The in-season Total Return to Canada (TRTC) estimate for Nass Sockeye continues to track higher than the pre-season forecast (~416,000-474,000 vs. 344,000) based on mean and early run timing estimates to date (76-87%). As a result, **the Nisga'a in-season entitlement for Nass Sockeye is currently higher than the pre-season forecast (~66,000-79,000 vs. 55,000). The total Nisga'a harvests of Nass Sockeye to date is ~62,400.** Current domestic (FSC) catches are ~19,000 Sockeye with an anticipated catch of 30,000 based on past years. The total catch summary to date is below:

NISGA'A TOTAL HARVEST SUMMARY	SOCK	CHIN	COHO	PINK-ODD	CHUM	STEEL
MARINE SALE FISHERY TOTAL	23,355	CLOSED	402	16,869	CLOSED	CLOSED
IN-RIVER SALE FISHERY TOTAL	17,306	CLOSED	1,412	0	CLOSED	CLOSED
INDIVIDUAL SALE (IS) FISHERY TOTAL	40,661	0	1,814	16,869	CLOSED	CLOSED
NLG DEMO & COMMUNAL SALE FISHERY [GH FW	3,114	CLOSED	0	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
COMMUNAL SALE FISHERY [SEINE]	0	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	CLOSED
DOMESTIC (FSC) FISHERY - WK END: 27 JULY	18,614	3,644	174	3,855	40	63
GRAND TOTAL	62,389	3,644	1,988	20,724	40	63

Based on the in-season data to date, the IS fishery targets for Sockeye are higher than the pre-season target (~36,000-49,000 vs. 21,000). The total IS harvests of Nass Sockeye to date is 40,661. The Marine IS has caught 23,355 Sockeye (plus 16,869 Pink and 402 Coho) in 6 openings. The In-river has caught 17,306 Sockeye (plus 1,412 Coho) in 8 openings.

The in-season estimate of Sockeye remaining to be caught ranges between 4,000 and 17,000 Sockeye based on the in-season entitlement estimates to date. Based on the uncertainty of the final entitlement estimates for 2013, combined with potential higher interceptions of Sockeye in late SE Alaskan seine fisheries targeting large returns of Pink salmon, the remaining number to be caught will be allocated for domestic fisheries. **Therefore, the IS fisheries are closed until further notice.**

In addition to IS fisheries, NLG negotiated the leasing of 40 Area C commercial gillnet licenses to participate in DFO's Inland Selective Demonstration Fishery Program in 2013. DFO allocate catches of Sockeye to NLG's inland selective fishery program based on a license sharing formula from commercial gillnet catches in Area 3. **The demonstration fishery harvests are additional to Nisga'a Treaty Allocations (and IS targets) and have to be caught selectively (no gillnets).** The Grease Harbour fishwheels are being used to harvest these additional catch shares as arranged by NLG and NFL.

As of 29 July, DFO allocated 4,871 Sockeye to NLG that can be harvested selectively from the GH fishwheels based on Area 3 commercial catches. The total demonstration harvest to date is 3,114 Sockeye. **Sockeye harvests at the GH fishwheels will resume on 4 August** once the Kwinageese Sockeye closure is over.

The next update on in-season Nisga'a Treaty (and IS) allocations and NLG's Demonstration fishery allocations will be on Friday, 9 August.