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Public Notice

Nisga'a In-river Individual Sale Fishery

10 hour opening Friday, July 31st 8:00 to 18:00

The downstream boundary for this fishery is at Red Bluff, the upstream boundary is above Grease Harbour at the entrance to the canyon. The river is CLOSED above the upstream boundary

> Participants are required to possess a valid Nisga'a Fisheries Licence and IS Permit All vessels must be Nisga'a owned.

Sockeye salmon will be the target species for these fisheries but Chinook and Coho salmon will also be purchased. Fish will be refused if it does not meet the quality standards established in Nisga'a Fisheries Regulations 2002. Fish will be purchased only if:

Bled immediately after removal from net, and Placed immediately in slush after bleeding.

Any Chum, Pink, and Steelhead caught should be released if healthy or otherwise taken as food. Please report any food catch to a NFWD catch monitor. Please return any tags recovered or record tag numbers from released fish to Nisga'a Fisheries for entry into a tag lottery draw (three draws of \$250).

Nisga'a Fisheries management has instructed DFO Enforcement to not permit vessels on the fishing grounds that:

- are less than 16 feet in length in the <u>In-river fishery</u>
- do not have PFD's for each person on board,
- have no operational VHF marine radio

Any vessels not meeting one of these requirements will be sent to shore or towed to shore to remedy the lack of any of these essential safety or regulatory requirements before being allowed to continue participating in any marine IS fishery.

As a reminder, the limit for Sockeye this fishery is 1400 per permit, with a limit of 20 per permit for Chinook and no limit on Coho

Permit Sales: Can be purchased at the Nisga'a Fisheries office during regular business hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) Monday to Saturday and at the Nisga'a Hall in Prince Rupert during their regular business hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm). Monday to Friday.