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## Public Notice

### **Update on 2015 Nisga'a Individual-Sale (IS) Fisheries & NLG's Demonstration Selective Fishery**

The in-season Total Return to Canada (TRTC) estimate for Nass Sockeye is currently tracking at **681,000** based on the mean run timing estimate to date (97%). Based on the in-season TRTC estimate, the Nisga'a entitlement (including cumulative underages from past years) is **138,000** Sockeye.

**The current catch of Nass Sockeye to date in Nisga'a Treaty fisheries is approximately 144,000. As a result of reaching the in-season entitlement target for Nass Sockeye, no further IS fisheries are planned for 2015.** In-season entitlement targets have also been reached or near target for Nass Chinook (8,000), Coho (6,500), Pink (22,500), and Chum (<500) salmon.

Of the total harvests to date, domestic (FSC) catches are approximately 37,000 Sockeye (week ending 22 August) with an anticipated total catch to be approximately 40,000 Sockeye based on mean FSC catches after 22 August. FSC catches of other species have totalled approximately 6,000 Chinook, 1,400 Coho, 3,100 Pink, 275 Chum, and 216 steelhead.

The total IS harvest of Nass Sockeye is 106,652 with 296 fisher permits issued in 2015. The Marine IS caught 38,573 Sockeye (plus 328 Chinook, 16,592 Pink, and 1,510 Coho) from 15 openings. The In-river IS caught 68,079 Sockeye (plus 1,734 Chinook and 3,125 Coho) from 10 openings.

In addition to IS fisheries, NLG negotiated the leasing of 45 Area C commercial gillnet licenses to participate in DFO's Inland Selective Demonstration Fishery Program in 2015. DFO allocated 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 had to be caught selectively (no gillnets). DFO allocated 7,510 Sockeye to NLG for selective harvest from the Grease Harbour fishwheels. The upper fishwheels harvested these additional catch shares as arranged by NLG and NFLP while releasing the majority of Sockeye caught (36,000) and other species.

The in-season TRTC and Nisga'a Entitlements for all species in 2015 to 23 August are as follows:

IN-SEASON TRTC & ENTITLEMENT ESTIMATES	SOCK	CHIN	COHO	PINK-ODD	CHUM
PROJECTED TRTC BASED ON MEAN RUN % & MR EST.	681,000	37,000	95,000	306,000	29,000
ESTIMATED %TRTC TO DATE: MEAN. RUN TIMING	97%	98%	69%	72%	41%
MINIMUM FORECAST	666,000	36,000	75,000	246,000	14,000
MAXIMUM FORECAST	738,000	38,000	165,000	457,000	80,000
IN-SEASON NISGA'A ENTITLEMENT TARGET	117,000	7,700	7,600	14,000	No surplus
IN-SEASON UNDERAGE (+)/OVERAGE (-)	21,000	400	-	-	small return
TOTAL IN-SEASON NISGA'A TREATY CATCH POTENTIAL	138,000	8,100	7,600	14,000	No surplus
MINIMUM ENTITLEMENT FORECAST	136,000	7,600	6,000	4,000	No surplus
MAXIMUM ENTITLEMENT FORECAST	146,000	8,000	13,200	37,000	6,400
NLG SELECTIVE DEMONSTRATION FISHERY ALLOCATION	7,510	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL IN-SEASON NISGA'A CATCH POTENTIAL - ALL FISHERIES	146,000	8,100	7,600	14,000	No surplus

NISGA'A TOTAL HARVEST SUMMARY	SOCK	CHIN	COHO	PINK-ODD	CHUM
MARINE SALE FISHERY TOTAL	38,573	328	1,510	16,592	CLOSED
IN-RIVER SALE FISHERY TOTAL	68,079	1,734	3,125	0	CLOSED
INDIVIDUAL SALE (IS) FISHERY TOTAL	106,652	2,062	4,635	16,592	CLOSED
NLG COMMUNAL SELECTIVE FISHWHEEL TREATY FISHERY	7	0	138	CLOSED	CLOSED
NLG COMMUNAL SEINE SELECTIVE TREATY FISHERY (REVIEWED)	220	5	28	2,830	CLOSED
DOMESTIC (FSC) GILLNET FISHERY - WK END 22 AUG (DRAFT)	36,496	5,890	1,394	3,061	275
SUB TOTAL (NLG TREATY FISHERIES)	143,375	7,957	6,195	22,483	275
NLG SOCK DEMONSTRATION SELECTIVE FISHERY HARVEST	7,501	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
GRAND TOTAL	150,876	7,957	6,195	22,483	275

**No further Marine or In River IS fisheries are planned for 2015**