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Public Notice

Closure of all Nisga'a Individual Sale Fisheries for 2012

The in-season Total Return to Canada (TRTC) estimate for Nass Sockeye is currently projected at **417,000** (range between 404,000 and 459,000) based on a mean run timing estimate of 95% to Area 3. Based on the current TRTC projection, the in-season Nisga'a entitlement would be **~71,000** (range between 69,000 and 81,000).

Considering the harvests of Nass Sockeye to date by all fisheries (~69,000) and the uncertainty in final post-season TRTC and Nisga'a entitlement estimates, **the Individual Sale (marine and in-river) fisheries are CLOSED** to Nass Sockeye for the remainder of 2012. **THE FOOD FISHERY REMAINS OPEN.**

Below are the Nisga'a harvests to date in all fisheries and entitlement forecasts for all Nass salmon species:

NISGA'A TOTAL HARVEST SUMMARY TO DATE	SOCK	CHIN	COHO	PINK-EVE	CHUM	STEEL
MARINE SALE FISHERY TOTAL	14,120	126	240	3,724	CLOSED	CLOSED
IN-RIVER SALE FISHERY TOTAL	30,075	649	8,695	0	CLOSED	CLOSED
INDIVIDUAL SALE (IS) FISHERY TOTAL	44,195	775	8,935	3,724	CLOSED	CLOSED
COMMUNAL SALE FISHERY (GH FISHWHEELS)	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
COMMUNAL SALE FISHERY (SEINE)	CLOSED	CLOSED	435	12,449	CLOSED	CLOSED
DOMESTIC (FSC) FISHERY - WK END: 11 AUG	24,474	2,665	1,168	770	189	176
GRAND TOTAL	68,669	3,440	10,538	16,943	189	176

IN-SEASON TRTC & ENTITLEMENT ESTIMATES	SOCK	CHIN	COHO	PINK-EVE	CHUM
FORECASTED TRTC BASED ON MEAN% RUN TO DATE	417,000	24,000	193,000	Pre-season	Pre-season
ESTIMATED % TRTC TO DATE: MEAN. RUN TIMING	95%	99%	57%		
MINIMUM FORECAST	404,000	23,000	110,000	Pre-season	Pre-season
MAXIMUM FORECAST	459,000	24,000	300,000	Pre-season	Pre-season
IN-SEASON NISGA'A ENTITLEMENT TARGET	66,205	4,950	15,400		
IN-SEASON UNDERAGE (+)/OVERAGE (-) %	5,290	5,857	4,453		
TOTAL IN-SEASON NISGA'A CATCH POTENTIAL	71,000	10,800	19,900	45,000	No surplus
MINIMUM ENTITLEMENT FORECAST	69,000	10,700	8,800	Pre-season	Pre-season
MAXIMUM ENTITLEMENT FORECAST	81,000	10,900	19,200	Pre-season	Pre-season

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