



Licence Number: XFSC 384 2025

File Number: LFA-25-CL244/Lower Fraser Signatories

Valid From: 01-Nov-2025

Expiry Date: 07-Nov-2025

This licence is issued under the authority of SECTION 4 OF THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNAL FISHING LICENCES REGULATIONS.

This licence is not intended to define an Aboriginal right to fish or its scope; however, for the fishing season, it is intended to provide a mechanism, for reasons of proper management and control of the fisheries and conservation and protection of fish, for requiring compliance with the provisions of this licence.

This licence is subject to the *Fisheries Act* and regulations thereunder, and confers the authority to fish under the following conditions: Food, Social, and Ceremonial purposes.

Licence/Permit Activity Description:**ABORIGINAL COMMUNAL FISHING LICENCE FOR LOWER FRASER RIVER FIRST NATIONS FOR SALMON**

This licence is issued to the Aitchelitz, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw-kwaw-Apilt, Peters, Seabird Island, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skway, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Skwah, Soowahlie, Squiala, Sumas, Tzeachten, Union Bar, Yakweakwioose, and the Yale First Nations for and on behalf of the members of those First Nations and subject to the Fisheries Act and Regulations thereunder, confers the authority to fish for the following purpose: Food, Social and Ceremonial.

Period of Activity:

Subject to amendments to the conditions of this licence and subject to close times as may be varied by the Director-General, Pacific Region, DFO in accordance with the Fishery (General) Regulations, species of fish set out in this licence may be harvested under this licence. Subject to closures and other terms and conditions of this licence, the authority to fish under this licence will expire on November 7, 2025 or earlier if DFO, after consultation with the First Nation has determined that the maximum quantity has been reached.

Licence Holders:

FIN: 108212	AITCHELITZ INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108213	CHAWATHIL INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108214	CHEAM INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108217	KATZIE FIRST NATION
FIN: 108218	KWANTLEN FIRST NATION
FIN: 129310	KWAW-KWAW-APILT INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108223	PETERS INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108226	SEABIRD ISLAND INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108678	SHXW'OW'HAMEL FIRST NATION
FIN: 129860	SHXWHÁ:Y VILLAGE



FIN: 108674 SKAWAHLOOK FIRST NATION

FIN: 129908 SKOWKALE INDIAN BAND

FIN: 108228 SKWAH INDIAN BAND

FIN: 108230 SOOWAHLIE INDIAN BAND

FIN: 108232 SQUIALA FIRST NATION

FIN: 108233 SUMAS FIRST NATION

FIN: 108235 TZEACHTEN INDIAN BAND

FIN: 108236 UNION BAR FIRST NATION

FIN: 108237 YAKWEAKWIOOSE INDIAN BAND

FIN: 108238 YALE FIRST NATION

Species, Quantity of Fish, Area(s) and Gear:

Licence Holder: All

Species: CHUM SALMON (*Oncorhynchus keta*)

Allowable Start Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025

Fishing Times: End Date: Friday, November 7, 2025

Times: 06:00 - 20:00 daily

Details: **Set net**

Gear: Gillnet, Set, River

Licence Area: PORT MANN BRIDGE TO MISSION; MISSION BRIDGE TO HARRISON RIVER; HARRISON TO HOPE

Licence Holder: All

Species: CHUM SALMON (*Oncorhynchus keta*)

Allowable Start Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025

Fishing Times: End Date: Monday, November 3, 2025

Times: 08:00 - 19:00 daily

Details: **Subarea 3 and Subarea 4 for Katzie, Kwantlen and Sumas First Nations only.**



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Gear: Gillnet, Drift

Licence Area: PORT MANN BRIDGE TO MISSION

Licence Holder: All

Species: CHUM SALMON (*Oncorhynchus keta*)

Allowable Start Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025

Fishing Times: End Date: Monday, November 3, 2025

Times: 07:00 - 18:00 daily

Details: **Subarea 4 to Subarea 8 includes all communities identified in the licence except Katzie, Kwantlen and Sumas First Nations.**

Gear: Gillnet, Drift

Licence Area: KANAKA CREEK TO MISSION BRIDGE; MISSION BRIDGE TO HARRISON RIVER; HARRISON TO HOPE

Licence Holder: All

Species: CHUM SALMON (*Oncorhynchus keta*)

Allowable Start Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025

Fishing Times: End Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025

Times: 07:00 - 18:00 daily

Details: **Beach seine / Subareas 5, 6, 7 & 8. Crew Leaders must register their crews with FVAFS.**

Gear: Seine Net, Beach

Licence Area: MISSION BRIDGE TO HARRISON RIVER; HARRISON TO HOPE

Additional Information:

Gear and Gear Identification: The following gear is permitted:

During each opening in the Fishery, each Participant may fish using either one Drift Net OR one Set Net.

Set Nets on condition that:

1. They do not exceed a maximum of 16.6 fathoms or 30.48 metres (100 feet) in length; and a maximum depth of 60 meshes with a minimum mesh size of 15.87 cm (six and a quarter (6 1/4") inches) with a maximum 3:1 hang ratio.
2. They are identified by a floating buoy prominently displaying the Participant's designation number.
3. All Set Nets fished from poles shall have buoys attached to the end of the net farthest from the beach by means of a tag line of sufficient length to allow the buoys to be on the surface of the water and clearly visible for inspection at all times.
4. During all fishing activity, each Set Net is **attended** by the fisher within 20 meters (65.62 feet) during the entire fishing activity, to remove all non-target species including Steelhead and Sturgeon, by the Participant who is fishing the net.

Drift Nets on condition that:

1. They do not exceed a maximum of 50 fathoms or 91.44 metres (300 feet) in length; and a maximum depth of 60 meshes with a minimum mesh size of 15.87 cm (six and a quarter (6 1/4") inches) and a maximum 3:1 hang ratio.
2. There may be only one Drift Net fished from any vessel.



3. Each Drift Net shall be attended at all times by the Participant who is fishing the net.
4. No vessel fishing under the authority of the Licence may have on board, in a hung condition (on the drum), any Drift Net in excess of 50 fathoms in length.
5. Spare nets on board a vessel actively fishing must be kept in a stowed condition

Beach Seine on condition that:

1. They do not exceed 91.44 metres (300 feet) in length with a maximum mesh size of 6.35 cm (2.5 inches).
2. All fish other than bycatch captured by the Beach Seine must be removed from the Beach Seine prior to the Beach Seine being removed from the water by use of hand, brailer or a Dip Net.
3. Beach Seine sets greater than ~1,000 fish must be spilled and released to less than 1,000 fish prior to sorting for non-target species.

AREA: Fishing is permitted in the following area(s):

Subarea 3 - Port Mann Bridge to Kanaka Creek - Those waters of the Fraser River downstream of a line projected from a red boundary sign located at Kanaka Creek (north side of Fraser River), to a red boundary sign at the upstream end of Derby Reach (south side of Fraser River), to the Port Mann Bridge.

Subarea 4 - Kanaka Creek to Mission Bridge - Those waters of the Fraser River downstream of the Canadian Pacific Railway Bridge at Mission and bounded on the west by a line projected from a red boundary sign located at Kanaka Creek (north side of Fraser River), to a red boundary sign at the upstream end of Derby Reach (south side of Fraser River).

Subarea 5 - Mission Bridge to Sumas River mouth - Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the west by the downstream side of the Canadian Pacific Railway Bridge at Mission and on the east by a line from a white boundary sign on the upstream side of the Fraser River at the mouth of the Sumas River, thence true north to a white boundary sign on the opposite shore.

Subarea 6 - Sumas River to Harrison - Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the west by a line from a white boundary sign on the upstream side of the Fraser River at the mouth of the Sumas River, thence true north to a white boundary sign on the opposite shore and bounded on the east by a line from a white boundary sign on the upstream side of the Fraser River at the mouth of the Harrison River, thence true south to a white boundary sign on the southern shore of the Fraser River and those waters of the Harrison River downstream of the Highway Number 7 Bridge.

Subarea 7 - Harrison to Laidlaw - Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the west by a line from a white boundary sign on the upstream side of the Fraser River at the mouth of the Harrison River, thence true south to a white boundary sign on the southern shore of the Fraser River and bounded on the east by a line from the mouth of Jones Creek on the south bank of the Fraser River, thence northwest to the north bank of the Fraser River.

Subarea 8 - Laidlaw to Hope Bridge - Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the west by a line from the mouth of Jones Creek on the south bank of the Fraser River, thence northwest to the north bank of the Fraser River, and on the east by the downstream side of the bridge across the Fraser River at Hope.

Terms and Conditions:

Definitions

'Beach Seine' means a net, weighted at the bottom and floated at the top, that is used to enclose an area of water and is then drawn ashore;

'DFO' means Fisheries and Oceans Canada;

'Dip Net' means a net on a circular frame at the end of a pole that is used from shore;

'Drift Net' means a gillnet free floating in the water, not attached in any manner to the shore, operated from a boat;

'First Nation' means the First Nations;

'First Nations' means the Aitchelitz, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw-kwaw-Apilt, Peters, Seabird Island, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skway, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Skwah, Soowahlie, Squiala, Sumas, Tzeachten, Union Bar, Yakweakwioose, and the Yale First Nations;



'Fishery' means fishing under the authority of this licence;

'FVAFS' means the means the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Fisheries Society that will deliver the area catch monitoring program for FSC fisheries, except those fisheries conducted by the Sts'ailes and Yale First Nations;

'Observer' means an observer designated under Section 39 of the Fishery (General) Regulations;

'Participant' means an individual designated in accordance with this licence to fish under the authority of this licence;

'Set Net' means a gillnet that is either tied to shore at one end and anchored in the river at the other end, or anchored in the river at both ends, or tied to the shore at one end and tied to a net pole at the other end.

Species:

The Fishery is limited to the harvest of **Chum** salmon and incidental harvest of chinook salmon, hatchery marked coho salmon, and wild coho salmon.

No person shall retain or possess non-target species, including Sockeye, Steelhead, or Sturgeon.

Please refer to Fishery General Regulations Section 33. for Release of Incidental Catch

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/Regulations/SOR-93-53/index.html>

Use of Fish

Fish caught under this licence are for food, social and ceremonial purposes. Without prejudice to future agreements or regulations, sale of fish caught under this licence is not permitted.

Designation of Participants

Participants must have proof of First Nation membership or a designation card to fish under the authority of this licence. Proof of First Nation membership shall be a First Nation status card or a letter of authorization issued by one of the First Nations. A designation card may be obtained from one of the First Nations, and will be issued to a Participant at the time of designation. A designation card will contain a likeness of the Participant, the Participant's date of birth and a designation number for the Participant. Designations are personal and non-transferable.

Participants designated to fish under this licence shall carry their proof of First Nation membership or designation card participating in the Fishery, including the harvesting, transporting and landing of fish, and will present such documentation on request by any fishery officer or fishery guardian.

Catch Monitoring and Harvest Reporting

All Participants must report the number and species of fish caught in the Fishery, as well as the number of fish retained, to Dale Joe at the FVAFS (Tel: (604) 858-8588, Fax: (604) 858-9959) immediately following the Fishery. The FVAFS will collect all catch statistics and report this information to Karen Burnett, Management Biologist at the DFO office at Annacis Island (Cell: (604) 230-7615 Fax: (604) 666-7112) within 48 hours of the Fishery on the 'Catch Reporting Form' provided by DFO.

For drift and set net gear, monitors will be present at landing sites throughout the fishing area during fishing activity. For beach seine gear, monitors will be assigned to crews and will monitor all of the fishing activity. Crew leaders must register their beach seine crews with FVAFS at 604-846-8588 prior to the start of the fishery so that a monitor can be



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assigned. Participants will report to Monitors the following:

- the number and species of fish caught and released in the Fishery;
- the number and species of fish retained;
- the number of nets, total fishing time (set and pick times) and any other data as per the Catch Reporting Form that is requested by the Monitor;

Sts'ailes First Nation Members must report the number and species of fish caught in the Fishery, as well as the number of fish retained, to Kim Charlie, Sts'ailes Fisheries Authority (Tel: (604) 796-2116, Fax: (604) 796-3729). Sts'ailes Fishing Authority will collect all catch statistics, for the Sts'ailes First Nation, and report this information to Karen Burnett, Resource Management Biologist at the DFO office at Annacis Island (Cell: (604) 230-7615, Fax: (604) 666-7112) within 48 hours of the Fishery on the 'Catch Reporting Form' provided by DFO.

Other Provisions: Pursuant to subsection 22(6) of the Fishery (General) Regulations, compliance with the Fisheries Act and the regulations made under the Act is a condition of this licence.

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Licence Issued By: BRANDON WOOD, Fisheries and Oceans Canada