



Licence Number: XFSC 379 2026

File Number: LFA-26-CL229/Lower Fraser

Valid From: 13-Aug-2026

Expiry Date: 16-Aug-2026

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.

Period of Activity:

This licence is issued to the Aitchelitz, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw-kwaw-Apilt, Leq'a:mel, Matsqui, Peters, Popkum, Seabird Island, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Skwah, Skway, Soowahlie, Squiala, Sumas, Tzeachten, Union Bar and the Yakweakwioose 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 under the following conditions: 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 August 16, 2026 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: 127541	LEQ' A: MEL FIRST NATION
FIN: 108222	MATSQUI INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108223	PETERS INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108224	POPKUM 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 FIRST NATION
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

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

Licence Holder: All
Species: SOCKEYE SALMON (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)
Allowable Fishing Times: Start: Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 18:00
End: Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 18:00
Details: Set Net

Gear: Gillnet, Set, River

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

Additional Descriptions: **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.
2. They are identified by a floating buoy prominently displaying the Participant's designation number. The Participant's designation number shall be the only number displayed on the buoy.



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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. Each Set Net shall be observed during all fishing activity and picked regularly, to remove all viable Sockeye Salmon, by the Participant who is fishing the net.

Licence Holder:	All
Species:	SOCKEYE SALMON (<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>)
Allowable Fishing Times:	Start Date: Friday, August 14, 2026 End Date: Sunday, August 16, 2026 Times: 06:00 - 14:00 daily Details: Subarea 4 to Subarea 11 includes All communities identified in the licence except Sumas, Katzie, and Kwantlen First Nations.
	Start Date: Friday, August 14, 2026 End Date: Sunday, August 16, 2026 Times: 08:00 - 16:00 daily Details: Subarea 3 and Subarea 4 for Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations only.
	Start Date: Friday, August 14, 2026 End Date: Sunday, August 16, 2026 Times: 08:00 - 16:00 daily Details: Subarea 5 and Subarea 6 for Sumas First Nation only.

Gear: Gillnet, Drift

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

Additional Descriptions: **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.

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.
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.

Additional Information:

AREA: Drift net and Set net 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

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.

Subarea 9 - Hope Bridge to Emory Creek

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the south by the downstream side of the bridge across the Fraser River at Hope, and on the north at the upstream confluence of Emory Creek.

Subarea 10 - Emory Creek to Yale Creek

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the south by the upstream confluence of Emory Creek and bounded on the north at the upstream confluence of Yale Creek.

In subarea 10, drift net fishing is prohibited between the boundary signs located 400 meters downstream and 400 meters upstream of the Qualark Gill Net Test Fishing site.

Subarea 11 - Yale Creek to Sawmill Creek

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the south by the upstream confluence of Yale Creek and bounded on the north at red boundary signs located at Sawmill Creek.

Terms and Conditions:

Definitions

'DFO' means Fisheries Oceans Canada (formerly the Department of Fisheries and Oceans).

'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 Aitchellitz, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw-kwaw-Apilt, Leq'a:mel, Matsqui, Peters, Popkum, Seabird Island, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Skwah, Skway, Soowahlie, Squiala, Sumas, Tzeachten, Union Bar, and the Yakwekwioose 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.



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'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 **Sockeye Salmon** and an incidental harvest of Chinook salmon and Hatchery Coho.

No person shall retain or possess non-target species including wild coho, 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/FullText.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 Individuals

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.

Monitors will be present at landing sites throughout the fishing area during fishing activity. 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).



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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.

Licence Issued: 12 August 2026

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Licence Issued By: BRANDON WOOD, Fisheries and Oceans Canada