

Fraser River Sockeye In-season Update – Aug 11, 2026

The below is a summary of the August 11 Fraser Panel Meeting. For specific details please refer to the attached Fraser Panel distribution from the call. This is the 10th in-season meeting of 2026. Mission hydroacoustic and test fisheries are operational and continuing to track below expectations, despite some recent positivity in marine areas. Marine gillnet test fisheries have concluded for the season, with seiners still operational. Early Stuarts are largely through the lower river with spawning surveys continuing this week. Early Summers continue to track well below expectations and on August 11, a revised in-season run size of 250,000 with a run timing of Aug 4 was adopted by the panel. Summers are also tracking below expectations and on August 11 an in-season run size of 2.4M with a run timing of Aug 13 was also adopted. Water temperatures are near the median but expected to increase throughout the weekend; discharge remains low. No other changes to pre-season estimates of abundance, timing or management adjustments were recommended at today's meeting. If you have any questions or notice any errors in the summary please contact colin.schwindt@dfm-mpo.gc.ca so I can make adjustments.

2026 Run status of Fraser sockeye and pink salmon

Date: Aug. 11, 2026

The information presented in this distribution has been prepared by PSC Secretariat staff and should be considered preliminary until reviewed by the Fraser River Panel

Week of: Aug. 9 - Aug. 15, 2026	Sockeye				
	Management Group				Total Fraser
	E.Stuart	E.Summer	Summer	Late	
Mission passage (inclds Pitt, Alouette, Coquitlam)	45,900	126,300	408,100	27,000	607,300
Catch downstream of Mission	100	5,700	20,900	6,200	32,900
Accounted Run To Date	46,000	132,000	429,000	33,200	640,200
Adopted In-season run size ¹	46,000	200,000	na	na	0
Pre-season run size	62,670	1,163,680	4,304,780	2,212,260	7,743,390
Area 20 timing adopted in-season	1-Jul	4-Aug	na	na	na
Area 20 timing expected pre-season	4-Jul	3-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	14-Aug
Johnstone Str. Diversion Rate	In-season 5-day average				11%
	Preseason forecast of annual rate				67%

¹ In-season run sizes are usually not adopted until after the peak of the run has passed through marine test fishery areas in Juan de Fuca and Johnstone straits.

- Total run accounted to date is 640,200 Fraser Sockeye, the majority of which are now Summers with Lates building in marine areas.
- Early Summers are tracking well below expectations, including both Nadina and Early Thompson stocks, two groups expected to make up the majority of the MU.
- Early Thompson, while very low, continue to persist in marine areas.
- Summers are also tracking below expectations with Late Stuart, Stellako, Chilko and Quesnel all tracking near or below the p25
- The in-season 5-day average diversion rate is 11% through Johnstone Strait.

Assessments and Recommendations

Early Stuarts

- An in-season run size of 46,000 with a pMA of 1.08 and an Area 20 run timing of July 1 was adopted on July 17.

Early Summers

- An in-season run size of 540,000 with a pMA of 0.27 and an Area 20 run timing of August 5 was adopted on July 28.
- Early Summer run size continued decline and an updated in-season run size of 200,000 with a run timing of Aug 5 was adopted on July 31.
- Early Thompson, while low, continue to persist in marine areas and an updated run size of 250,000 with a run timing of Aug 4 was adopted on Aug 11.

Summers

- Summers are also returning below expectations and in-season run size of 2,400,000 with a pMA 0.30 and a run timing of Aug 13 was adopted on Aug 11.

Lates

- No changes to pre-season estimates

Management Group	Run Size	Timing A20 50%date	Proportional Mngt. Adjust. ^a	Available Harvest ^b	Allowable Incidental Harvest ^c
Early Stuart (Pre-Season)	63,000	4 July	1.08	0	6,300
Early Stuart (Adopted In Season)	46,000	July 1	1.08	0	4,600
Early Summers (Pre-Season)	1,164,000	31 July	0.27	573,000	N/A
Early Summers (Adopted In Season)	250,000	Aug 4	0.27	0	50,000
Summer (Pre-Season)	4,305,000	10 Aug	0.30	2,467,000	N/A
Summer (Adopted In Season)	2,400,000	Aug 13	0.30	456,000	No Change
Late (Pre-Season)	2,212,000	17 August	0.43	477,000	N/A
Lates (Adopted In Season)	No Change	No Change	No Change	0	No Change

^a Proportional Management Adjustment is multiplied by the escapement target to calculate the numerical management adjustment.

^b Available harvest after deductions. Harvest includes all catch in all fisheries in Canada the United States and test fisheries. CTAC will be assessed in-season.

^c Incidental allowable harvest in a LAER scenario. Incidental harvest is not a target and would be considered a maximum, includes test fishery catch and may include fishery induced mortalities.

Fishery Recommendations

- FSC fisheries opened July 22 until August 5 in all marine areas (Areas 18 & 29-1 to 29-6 only open as of July 26), paused Aug 5 and resumed Aug 11.
- Small-scale FSC fisheries began in the lower river on July 26 and 28 continued through the long weekend until August 4.
- Continued FSC fisheries in the river are planned for this week and the coming weekend.
- US C&S fisheries began Aug 8 in US panel waters. U.S treaty tribes and all citizen fisheries are planned to begin Aug 13.

Other Business

Next Meeting

- Next Panel meeting is Aug 14, 2026.
- Next Panel Tech meeting is Aug 13, 2026.