

## **Fraser River Sockeye In-season Update – Aug 18, 2026**

The below is a summary of the August 18 Fraser Panel Meeting. For specific details please refer to the attached Fraser Panel distribution from the call. This is the 12th in-season meeting of 2026. Mission hydroacoustic and test fisheries are operational and continuing to track below expectations, despite some positivity in marine areas early last week. 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 tracking below expectations and on August 14 an in-season run size of 2.2M with a run timing of Aug 13 was also adopted. Lates are also tracking below expectations and on August 18 the panel adopted a downgraded run size of 1M with an early run timing of Aug 7. Water temperatures are expected to approach historic maxima throughout the week; 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@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:colin.schwindt@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) so I can make adjustments.

### **2026 Run status of Fraser sockeye and pink salmon**

Date: Aug. 18, 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. 16 - Aug. 22, 2026                   | Sockeye                           |                |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                    | Management Group                  |                |                  |                  | Total Fraser     |
|                                                    | E.Stuart                          | E.Summer       | Summer           | Late             |                  |
| Mission passage (incl's Pitt, Alouette, Coquitlam) | 45,900                            | 196,100        | 930,200          | 153,900          | 1,326,100        |
| Catch downstream of Mission                        | 100                               | 8,400          | 55,500           | 25,300           | 89,300           |
| Accounted Run To Date                              | 46,000                            | 204,500        | 985,700          | 179,200          | 1,415,400        |
| <b>Adopted In-season run size <sup>1</sup></b>     | <b>46,000</b>                     | <b>250,000</b> | <b>2,200,000</b> | <b>1,600,000</b> | <b>4,096,000</b> |
| Pre-season run size                                | 62,670                            | 1,163,680      | 4,304,780        | 2,212,260        | 7,743,390        |
| <b>Area 20 timing adopted in-season</b>            | <b>1-Jul</b>                      | <b>4-Aug</b>   | <b>13-Aug</b>    | <b>15-Aug</b>    | <b>na</b>        |
| Area 20 timing expected pre-season                 | 4-Jul                             | 3-Aug          | 13-Aug           | 20-Aug           | 14-Aug           |
| <b>Johnstone Str. Diversion Rate</b>               | In-season 5-day average           |                |                  |                  | <b>31%</b>       |
|                                                    | Preseason forecast of annual rate |                |                  |                  | 67%              |

<sup>1</sup> 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 1,4105,000 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 Thomspen stocks, two groups expected to make up the majority of the MU.
- Summers are also tracking below expectations with Late Stuart, Stellako, Chilko and Quesnel all tracking near or below the p25 and projected to decline throughout the week.
- Lates, including Birkenhead and Late Shuswap are tracking below expectations, between the p25 and p10, with a much earlier run timing.

- The in-season 5-day average diversion rate is 31% 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.
- Summers continue to track below expectations and downgraded, in-season run size of 2,200,000 with a run timing of Aug 14 was adopted on Aug 13.

### Lates

- An in-season run timing of 1,000,000 with a pMA of 0.43 and run timing of Aug 7 was adopted on August 18.

| Management Group                         | Run Size         | Timing A20 50%date | Proportional Mngt. Adjust. <sup>a</sup> | Available Harvest <sup>b</sup> | Allowable Incidental Harvest <sup>c</sup> |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Early Stuart (Pre-Season)                | 63,000           | 4 July             | 1.08                                    | 0                              | 6,300                                     |
| <b>Early Stuart (Adopted In Season)</b>  | <b>46,000</b>    | <b>July 1</b>      | <b>1.08</b>                             | <b>0</b>                       | <b>4,600</b>                              |
| Early Summers (Pre-Season)               | 1,164,000        | 31 July            | 0.27                                    | 573,000                        | N/A                                       |
| <b>Early Summers (Adopted In Season)</b> | <b>250,000</b>   | <b>Aug 4</b>       | <b>0.27</b>                             | <b>0</b>                       | <b>50,000</b>                             |
| Summer (Pre-Season)                      | 4,305,000        | 10 Aug             | 0.30                                    | 2,467,000                      | N/A                                       |
| <b>Summer (Adopted In Season)</b>        | <b>2,200,000</b> | <b>Aug 13</b>      | <b>0.30</b>                             | <b>262,000</b>                 | <b>No Change</b>                          |
| Late (Pre-Season)                        | 2,212,000        | 17 August          | 0.43                                    | 477,000                        | N/A                                       |

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| <b>Lates<br/>(Adopted In<br/>Season)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>1,000,000</b> | <b>Aug 7</b> | <b>0.43</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>200,000</b> |
| <sup>a</sup> Proportional Management Adjustment is multiplied by the escapement target to calculate the numerical management adjustment.<br><sup>b</sup> 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.<br><sup>c</sup> 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**

- No commercial fishery plans were brought forward at today's meeting as available harvest is well below pre-season expectations.
- Some FSC fisheries are planned to continue in marine and in-river areas during the week as FSC harvesters look to transition to Chinook fisheries.

## **Other Business**

### **Next Meeting**

- Next Panel meeting is Aug 20, 2026.
- Next Panel Tech meeting is Aug 21, 2026.