

Fraser River Sockeye In-season Update –July 17, 2026

The below is a summary of the July 17 Fraser Panel Meeting. For specific details please refer to the attached Fraser Panel distribution from the call. This is the third in-season meeting of 2026 and as such limited information is available at this time. Mission hydroacoustic and in-river test fisheries began in early July with marine gillnet test fisheries this past week. Early Stuarts are tracking below expectations with an earlier run timing. Early Summers are also tracking below expectations but it is still very early in Early Summer migration period. Overall, migration conditions are currently favorable but water temperature is expected to rise in the coming week(s). On July 17 an in-season run size of 46,000 was adopted for Early Stuarts with a run timing of July 1. No other changes to pre-season estimates of abundance, timing or management adjustments were recommended. Information will be further evaluated during the tech meeting on July 23. If you have any questions or notice any errors in the summary please contact Colin.Schwindt@dfo-mpo.gc.ca so I can make adjustments.

2026 Run status of Fraser sockeye and pink salmon

Date: Jul. 17, 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: Jul. 12 - Jul. 18, 2026	Sockeye				
	Management Group				Total Fraser
	E.Stuart	E.Summer	Summer	Late	
Mission passage (incl's Pitt, Alouette, Coquitlam)	39,400	16,800	3,000	0	59,200
Catch downstream of Mission	100	100	100	0	300
Accounted Run To Date	39,500	16,900	3,100	0	59,500
Adopted In-season run size ¹	na	na	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	na	na	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				na
	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 59,500 Fraser Sockeye the majority of which are Early Stuarts with small numbers of early summers and summers.
- Early Stuarts are tracking below expectations with the majority of the run now in-river and limited abundance expected seaward of test fisheries
- Marine test fishery catches are small at this time and tracking below expectations.

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

- No changes to preseason estimates

Summers

- No changes to preseason estimates

Lates

- No changes to preseason 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)	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
Summer (Pre-Season)	4,305,000	10 Aug	0.30	2,467,000	N/A
Summer (Adopted In Season)	No Change	No Change	No Change	0	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

- no fishery recommendations are being considered at this time.

Other Business

- Panel discussed and approved the start date of the Area 5 test fisheries in U.S waters on July 19.
- Marine purse seine test fisheries were approved to start as per pre-season plans
- Memo on TAC and LAER differences coming July 17

Next Meeting

- Next Panel meeting is July 21, 2026.
- First Panel Tech meeting is July 23, 2026.