

Fraser River Sockeye In-season Update – July 24, 2026

The below is a summary of the July 24 Fraser Panel Meeting. For specific details please refer to the attached Fraser Panel distribution from the call. This is the fifth in-season meeting of 2026. Mission hydroacoustic and in-river test fisheries began in early July, marine gillnet test fisheries started on July 9 (Area 20) and July 13 (Area 12) and seines started on July 23 & 24 (Areas 12, 13, 20). Early Stuarts are tracking below expectations with an earlier run timing. Early Summers are also tracking below expectations; however it is still early in Early Summer migration period. Water temperatures are above average. Discharge remains low. 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 today. If you have any questions or notice any errors in the summary please contact Maxime.Veilleux@dfo-mpo.gc.ca so I can make adjustments.

2026 Run status of Fraser sockeye and pink salmon

Date: Jul. 24, 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. 19 - Jul. 25, 2026	Sockeye				
	Management Group				Total Fraser
	E.Stuart	E.Summer	Summer	Late	
Mission passage (incl'ds Pitt, Alouette, Coquitlam)	44,500	35,400	14,300	300	94,500
Catch downstream of Mission	100	500	900	200	1,700
Accounted Run To Date	44,600	35,900	15,200	500	96,200
Adopted In-season run size ¹	46,000	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	1-Jul	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				29%
	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 96,200 Fraser Sockeye, the majority of which are Early Stuarts and Early Summers, with Summers building in marine areas.
- Early Stuarts are tracking below expectations with the majority of the run now in-river and limited abundance expected seaward of test fisheries.
- Marine (Areas 12, 13, and 20) purse seine test fisheries started this week.
- Marine test fishery catches have been below the cycle line average with recent higher catches indicating some abundance entering the straight, particularly in Area 12.
- Area 12 purse seine test fishing catches on July 23 were high for this time of year (14,754) and Area 20 purse seine catches have been quite low in comparison (95 on July 24). This will likely increase the diversion rate.

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 pre-season estimates

Summers

- No changes to pre-season estimates

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)	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

- FSC fisheries open July 22 until 29 in all marine areas (Areas 18 & 29-1 to 29-6 only open as of July 26).

Other Business

Next Meeting

- Next Panel meeting is July 28, 2026.
- Next Panel Tech meeting is July 30, 2026.