

Fraser River Sockeye In-season Update – July 28, 2026

The below is a summary of the July 28 Fraser Panel Meeting. For specific details please refer to the attached Fraser Panel distribution from the call. This is the sixth 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. 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. On July 28, an in-season run size of 540,000 was adopted for Early Summers with a run timing of August 5. No other changes to pre-season estimates of abundance, timing or management adjustments were recommended. 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. 28, 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. 26 - Aug. 1, 2026	Sockeye				
	Management Group				Total Fraser
	E.Stuart	E.Summer	Summer	Late	
Mission passage (incl's Pitt, Alouette, Coquitlam)	45,400	46,600	37,000	2,600	131,600
Catch downstream of Mission	100	800	1,500	500	2,900
Accounted Run To Date	45,500	47,400	38,500	3,100	134,500
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				86%
	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 134,500 Fraser Sockeye, the majority of which are Early Stuarts, Early Summers, and Summers with Lates 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.
- The Pitt/Nadina group of the Early Summers are tracking much below the median forecast of 707,000, with an in-season estimate of 77,000.
- The Early Thompson component of the Early Summers is also tracking below the median forecast of 450,000, with an in-season estimate of 222,000. However, it is still early.
- The total Early Summer run is tracking below the median forecast of 1,164,000, with an in-season estimate of 312,000. The PSC provided an in-season run size recommendation of 318,000 for Early Summers, but the Fraser River Panel adopted a higher run size of

540,000 as there is still a lot of uncertainty in the Early Thomson return.

- Marine and in-river test fishery catches have been below the cycle line average.
- The in-season 5-day average diversion rate has jumped up to 86%.

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.

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)	540,000	Aug 5	0.27	141,982	N/A
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). FSC fisheries in marine areas have been extended until August 5.
- Small-scale FSC fisheries began in the lower river on July 26 and 28.

Other Business

Next Meeting

- Next Panel meeting is July 31, 2026.
- Next Panel Tech meeting is July 30, 2026.