



TNG FISHERIES

The latest information important to T̓silhqot'in fish and fishing activities



Taseko SONAR fence installation completed on August 17, 2021.

TNG Fisheries Special Notice: Thursday, August 19, 2021

The TNG Fisheries Department has now focused our efforts on collecting, monitoring, and analyzing information about the Chilko Ts'eman (sockeye) run.

Technical information about Chilko Ts'eman was shared on the Wednesday, August 18th weekly fish and fisheries update Zoom call. Working through the bilateral technical process with DFO, best available science shows that Chilko Ts'eman is currently the strongest returning Fraser stock, and that there is a harvestable surplus on this stock to support a sustainable T̓silhqot'in fishery in the Chilcotin watershed.

The status of Chilko Ts'eman and related fishing opportunities was discussed with T̓silhqot'in Leadership, senior TNG staff, and DFO. **On August 19, the T̓silhqot'in Council of Chiefs declared a temporary opening of T̓silhqot'in Sockeye (Ts'eman) fisheries to members effective August 19 at 6pm to Wednesday, August 25 at 6pm. See poster, below.**

TNG Fisheries will be monitoring and assessing technical information on the status of the Chilko Ts'eman stock and the fishery and updating TNG leadership. An update on the state of the fishery will be provided prior to the end of the fishery time period.

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SOCKEYE TEMPORARY OPENING

The T̓silhqot'in Council of Chiefs have declared a temporary opening of T̓silhqot'in Sockeye (Ts'eman) Fisheries to members effective **Thursday, August 19th at 6 PM - Wednesday, August 25th at 6 PM**

The Temporary Opening is **strictly for Sockeye (Ts'eman)** in the Lower Chilcotin River to the confluence with the Fraser, and the Chilko River.
NOT for the Fraser.

The Temporary Opening is to allow for sustenance and ceremonial fishing.

At this time, please release any Chinook (Ja̓s) and Steelhead and **take only the Sockeye (Ts'eman)** you need due to continued conservation concerns.
Any bi-catch of Pink Salmon can also be harvested.

Due to COVID-19, please practice social distancing while fishing.

TNG Leadership and TNG Fisheries will be monitoring and assessing technical information and providing an update prior to the end of the fishery time period.

TAKE ONLY WHAT YOU NEED!

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WEEKLY IN-SEASON FISHERIES UPDATES

**for T̓silhqot'in Chiefs,
Councils, TNG and
community staff, and
T̓silhqot'in members,
including Elders**

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**Wednesday Afternoons
1:00PM to 2:00PM**

mid-July to end of August

2021 Dates:

Wednesdays, July: 14, 21, 28

Wednesdays, August: 4, 11, 18, 25

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Zoom Meeting Link:
fisheries.live/tng2021

Meeting ID: 869 9877 1924

Passcode: 830690

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Or Join TOLL FREE by Phone:

Dial-in: 1-855-703-8985

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In effort to provide timely in-season information on T̓silhqot'in fish and fisheries, the TNG Fisheries Department provides weekly fisheries bulletins and weekly in-season Zoom call updates for Chiefs, Councils, staff, and community members.

We present on salmon populations and returns, fishing opportunities, and TNG Fisheries Department activities.

TNG Fisheries collects, receives and analyzes weekly in-season salmon and fisheries information from our own programs, and from DFO and the Pacific Salmon Commission.

Although TNG Fisheries provides information and works on many aspects of salmon returning to T̓silhqot'in Territory and other parts of the upper Fraser, decisions about 2021 community fisheries openings and closures are made by T̓silhqot'in Leadership, and also by DFO. Fisheries opening and closure notices are shared broadly with communities by TNG central communications.