



TNG FISHERIES

The latest information important to T̓silhqot̓in fish and fishing activities

Based on technical fisheries information available to date, the T̓silhqot̓in National Government (TNG) is **proceeding with the scheduled fisheries opening on August 17, 2023 in the Chilcotin/Chilko Mainstem** for Ts'eman (sockeye), Ja̓̓ (Chinook), and Dandzex (pink), as laid out in the 2023 T̓silhqot̓in Fisheries Plan (please see attached on page 2). The T̓silhqot̓in Fisheries Plan does **not** include the Fraser River Mainstem.

Fishery opening dates may be adjusted in-season as more information becomes available. Under extreme circumstances, emergency conservation measures may be implemented.

2023 T̓silhqot̓in Fisheries Plan:

On July 8th, 2023 TNG shared the 2023 T̓silhqot̓in Fisheries Plan on behalf of the T̓silhqot̓in Council of Chiefs. The plan prioritizes harvest opportunity while shaping the fishery to help protect our most vulnerable stocks.

The plan schedules harvest opportunity during what is typically the best fishing time, August 17 to 27, when the stronger Chilko populations of Ja̓̓ (Chinook) and Ts'eman (sockeye) return to the Territory; current information indicates 2023 returns will support Ja̓̓ and Ts'eman fisheries during that time. 2023 is a Dandzex (pink salmon) year, which may also provide fishing opportunity.

The plan also supports T̓silhqot̓in Nation conservation goals and asks fishers to follow voluntary measures to protect highly vulnerable early-timed Chilcotin Ja̓̓ and Taseko Ts'eman. This year, our returning Ja̓̓ and Ts'eman include babies from 2019 parents, which were severely impacted by the Big Bar Landslide. Our highly vulnerable earliest-timed stocks were hit hardest by Big Bar and high water early in the season. TNG is leading emergency conservation enhancement (hatchery) efforts to rebuild and restore these endangered stocks.

TNG FISHERIES WEEKLY UPDATES

For weekly updates on the status of T̓silhqot̓in salmon populations, fisheries, and TNG Fisheries Department activities, please see our weekly updates at www.tsilhqotin.ca/fisheries and on the TNG Facebook page.

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2023 Tśilhqot'in Nation Salmon Fisheries Plan

July 8, 2023

The Tśilhqot'in Council of Chiefs requests voluntary compliance with limited measures to protect extremely vulnerable Jaś (Chinook) and Ts'eman (sockeye) populations this year.

Requested Voluntary Protection Measures:

#1. Please do not fish for Jaś in the Cheźqox system above the Chilko/Chilcotin junction for the full fishing season.

- Protect the most vulnerable Jaś populations as they return to their spawning grounds.

#2. Please do not fish for Jaś or Ts'eman in the Chilcotin/Chilko mainstem until the scheduled opening of August 17 to 27, 2023 (this opening may be extended based on in-season information).

- Allow vulnerable early-timed Jaś and Taseko Ts'eman to return to their spawning grounds.
- Reduce initial pressure on Ts'eman in a difficult year.

PLEASE NOTE: Fishery opening dates may be adjusted in-season as more information becomes available, and under extreme circumstances, emergency conservation measures may be implemented.

Reminder: 2023 is a Dandzex (pink salmon) year!

We can all help protect our at-risk Jaś and Ts'eman populations for the future by allowing them to safely return to their spawning grounds.

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