



Tsilhqot'in Nation Fisheries Plan

2024 Salmon Season

July 19, 2024

The Tsilhqot'in Council of Chiefs requests voluntary compliance with limited measures to protect early timed Jaš (Chinook) and Ts'eman (sockeye) populations at high risk of extinction, and this year's weaker 2024 Chilko sockeye population.

Requested Voluntary Protection Measures:

#1. Please do not fish for Jaš (Chinook) in the Little Chilcotin system above the Chilko/Chilcotin junction for the full fishing season.

- Please protect these Jaš stocks that are at high risk of extinction as they return to their spawning grounds.

#2. Scheduled openings for Jaš and Ts'eman (sockeye):

a) **JAŠ:** If you can, please delay fishing for Jaš in the Chilko/Chilcotin mainstem until the scheduled opening **Fri, Aug 16** (midnight, Thurs night) **through to the end of the season**, when the stronger Chilko Jaš population will be in the Territory.

b) **TS'EMAN:** If you can, please do not harvest Ts'eman until the scheduled opening **Fri, Aug 23** (midnight, Thurs night) **to Sun, Sept 1** (end of day).

- Allow early timed Jaš and Ts'eman that are at **high risk of extinction** to pass through the mainstem and return to their spawning grounds.
- In this very difficult year for Ts'eman, **please take only what you need** and support the rebuilding/replenishment of this weaker 2024 population.

PLEASE NOTE: We expect stronger returns of Tsilhqox Ts'eman (Chilko sockeye) in the next 3 years (2025, 2026, 2027) based on currently available information.

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

Jaš and Ts'eman are expected to return in very low numbers this year. Please consider fishing for other resident fish, e.g., Dek'any (rainbow trout), Sabay (bull trout), Lhagh Sisch'el (suckers)

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

Approved by Tsilhqot'in Nation Council of Chiefs, July 2024

