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## PLEASE DO NOT FISH FOR CHINOOK OR SOCKEYE

As reported by TNG and the TNG-led Emergency Salmon Task Force, we are very pleased to have seen a substantial increase in salmon passage past the Tsilhqox landslide this week; however, Tsilhqot'in salmon populations remain a critical conservation concern due to very low ocean returns and the ongoing severe impacts of the landslide.

While some Jaâ (Chinook) and Ts'eman (sockeye) are successfully passing the slide, **it's only a small fraction of an already very low return**, and these fish still have a long way to go before they reach their spawning grounds. They are also in a **state of high stress** due to their delayed migration and prolonged exposure to high turbidity (muddy/silty water) and high temperatures in the Fraser River. Under these conditions, every fish that reaches the spawning ground counts; **protection of every fish is critical** to support their recovery and long-term sustainability.

In response to the landslide, the Tsilhqot'in Council of Chiefs issued a fishery closure notice on August 8 asking that members **do not fish for Jaâ (Chinook) and Ts'eman (sockeye)** anywhere in Tsilhqox, Chežqox, or Dasiqox (Chilcotin, Chilko, or Taseko) waters **for the duration of the 2024 season** to aid in their protection and recovery. The Council of Chiefs has also issued statements requesting support from downstream First Nations, government, the Pacific Salmon Commission, and other Nations and States to immediately cease all fisheries that may impact Tsilhqot'in-bound salmon.

*A major landslide occurred on the Chilcotin River the night of July 30, 2024, which continues to dramatically impact this year's returning sockeye and Chinook populations. In response to the slide, TNG rapidly formed a technical tripartite Emergency Salmon Task Force to assess the impacts on Tsilhqot'in-bound salmon populations.*

*The task force shares regular situation reports to update on key developments and milestones. All situation reports and landslide updates are posted on the TNG website at [www.tsilhqot'in.ca/our-territory/fisheries/communications](http://www.tsilhqot'in.ca/our-territory/fisheries/communications) and on the TNG Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Tsilhqot'in](http://www.facebook.com/Tsilhqot'in).*

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