



# TNG FISHERIES

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

This is the TNG Fisheries in-season bulletin that is released weekly throughout the salmon season from mid-July to mid-September to provide updates on the state of T̓silhqot'in fisheries and work in the field. These bulletins are publicly available on the TNG Facebook page and on the TNG website at [www.tsilhqotin.ca/our-territory/fisheries/communications](http://www.tsilhqotin.ca/our-territory/fisheries/communications).

## In-Season Update:

### 2025 T̓silhqot'in Fisheries:

We hope you are enjoying the start of the salmon season. We are very happy to see people on the river **successfully catching Jaš** (Chinook) in the Chilcotin and the Fraser!

Reminder of the **2025 T̓silhqot'in Fisheries Plan** approved by the TNG Council of Chiefs:

- Jaš harvest began July 18, with a request to release Ts'eman (sockeye) until August 14. This allows Ts'eman impacted by the T̓silhqox Landslide, including critically endangered Dasiqox and South End Chilko Ts'eman populations, to return to their spawning grounds to support their recovery.
- Please do not fish in the Chežqox (Little Chilcotin) for the full season, except for the junction area with the Chilko. This protects critically endangered Chežqox Jaš by allowing them to return to their spawning grounds to support their recovery.
- Please see all applicable requested voluntary protection measures in the box below.

### 2025 Applicable Voluntary Protection Measures:

The T̓silhqot'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.

- Please release Ts'eman (sockeye) until Thursday, August 14, 2025.
- Please do not fish for Jaš in the Chežqox (Little Chilcotin) system above the Chilko / Chilcotin junction for the full fishing season.

Approved by the T̓silhqot'in Council of Chiefs June 17, 2025

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TNG Fisheries updates our understanding of salmon returns and environmental conditions throughout the salmon season based on in-season technical information. From late June to the end of September, we conduct detailed monitoring and analysis of information from the ocean to the spawning grounds, and provide weekly reports through these in-season fisheries bulletins.

**CLICK HERE** for more information on how TNG Fisheries **collects in-season information**

**TNG catch monitors** are now at fishing sites collecting critical information to help us understand the condition of fish, number of fishers, fishing site use, and overall numbers of Jaš harvested.

- This information is important for future fishery recommendations to advocate for the fish and fisheries.
- Fishing effort and catch information helps us to assert for protection of the fish and fishery throughout the season and the salmon migration path from the ocean to the spawning grounds for future years.
- Thank you to fishers who have provided information to the TNG catch monitors.



*Photos left to right:*

1. Tl'etinqox Band member Barry Hink caught this Jaš at Farwell Bridge on Saturday, July 26.
2. Closeup of Barry's catch from Saturday.
3. TNG Jr. Hatchery Manager Winston Bambrick caught this Jaš at the Lower Chilcotin junction on Saturday, July 26.
4. Closeup of Winston's catch from Saturday.

### **Ts'eman (Sockeye) Update:**

- It is still early in the Chilko Ts'eman return, but we're monitoring information from test fisheries in the marine area and Lower Fraser River. Over the past week, we can see the first part of the Chilko return moving past Vancouver Island and into the Lower Fraser in numbers showing the slow build toward the main Chilko Ts'eman run, which we expect in the next 2 to 3 weeks. **The early tracking of the Chilko run continues to show encouraging numbers for this year!**
- The TNG Fisheries crew installed the Dasiqox (Taseko River) SONAR last week to count critically endangered Dasiqox Ts'eman. We will conduct emergency conservation enhancement on these fish later in the season to support their recovery.

For more information about the TNG Fisheries Program, visit the TNG Fisheries page on the TNG website at [www.tsilhqotin.ca/our-territory/fisheries](http://www.tsilhqotin.ca/our-territory/fisheries)

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## Scenes from the Field:

### Dasiqox (Taseko) SONAR Installation

The TNG Fisheries crew (Leonard English, Winston Bambrick, Evans Stump, Hayden Grinder, and Alicia William), with support from Dan Doutaz (DFO) and Hailey Karran (UFFCA summer student) installed the Dasiqox SONAR on July 22 to count Dasiqox Ja's and critically endangered Dasiqox Ts'eman as they migrate to their spawning grounds. This project is led by TNG in collaboration with DFO.



Photos:

Top left: The TNG Fisheries field crew installing one of two Dasiqox SONAR diversion fences. Pictured left to right: Evans Stump, Hayden Grinder, Winston Bambrick, Alicia William.

Top right: The TNG/UFFCA/DFO field crew putting in the final pieces to complete installation of the SONAR diversion fence.

Bottom left: The TNG Fisheries field crew installing one of two Dasiqox SONAR diversion fences.

Bottom middle: TNG Field Technicians Leonard English and Evans Stump installing the snow fence to complete the Dasiqox SONAR diversion fence.

Bottom right: TNG Fisheries Technician Hayden Grinder teaching UFFCA Summer Student Hailey Karran how to install the SONAR unit.