



TNG FISHERIES

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

Overview of Anticipated 2025 Fishery

TNG Fisheries anticipates a better return of both Ja̓s (Chinook) and Ts'eman (sockeye) than in the past few years that will support traditional fisheries on both the Chilcotin and Fraser River mainstems. This is also a pink year (Dandzex) anticipated to be record high.

Moving forward, we will be updating our understanding of the fishery throughout the season based on in-season information. From late June to the end of September, we conduct detailed monitoring and analysis of in-season fisheries information from the ocean to the spawning grounds. We use a network of information from outside the Territory combined with information generated from assessment programs within the Territory. We report on this information through these weekly in-season fisheries bulletins.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info on how TNG Fisheries collects in-season information

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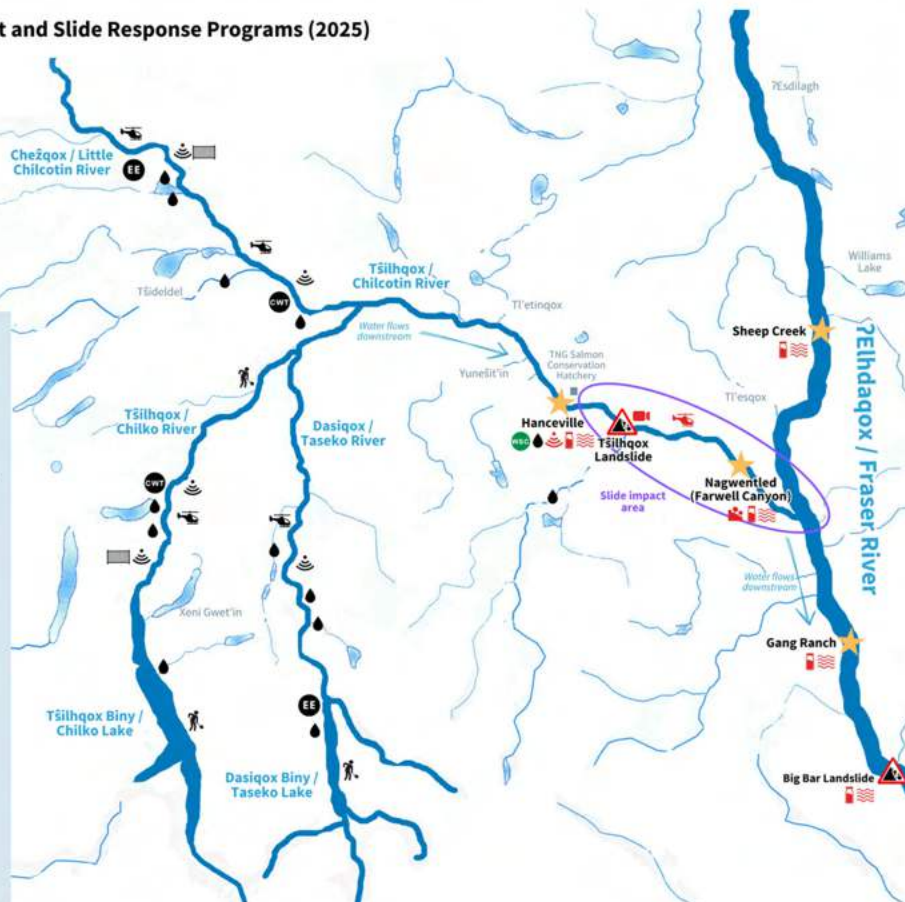
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Annual Stock Assessment and Slide Response Programs (2025)



LEGEND

- ★ Data collection point
- TNG aquatic habitat monitoring
- Stock assessment SONAR
- Hanceville stock assessment SONAR
- ✈ Aerial assessment
- 🚶 Ground assessment
- 📏 Enumeration fence
- Epg. enhancement brood collection
- Coded wire tag brood collection
- 📶 Turbidity and temp. monitoring
- 📷 Sediment sampling
- 📷 Camera
- 📷 Rock/slope monitoring
- 🌊 Water Survey of Canada - discharge
- Black: Annual programs
- Red: Slide response programs



2025 Fishing Plan

On June 17, 2025 the T̓silhqot̓in Council of Chiefs approved the 2025 Fisheries Plan. The plan supports harvest opportunity when the stronger Chilko populations of Ja̓s (Chinook) and Ts'eman (sockeye) return to the Territory, and requests that fishers follow **voluntary measures to protect early timed Ja̓s and Ts'eman populations that are at high risk of extinction**. Please see voluntary protection measures in box below.

TNG is leading emergency conservation enhancement (hatchery) efforts to rebuild highly vulnerable these stocks.

Please see 2025 Fisheries Plan (pg 4) and Fishing Notice (pg 5).

2025 Voluntary protection measures:

1. Please release Ja̓s (Chinook) until Friday, July 18, 2025.
2. Please release Ts'eman (sockeye) until Thursday, August 14, 2025.
3. Please do not fish for Ja̓s in the Che̓zqox (Little Chilcotin) system above the Chilko / Chilcotin junction for the full fishing season.

Scenes from the Field

TNG-Led Hanceville SONAR salmon passage monitoring:

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On July 23, 2025, the TNG Fisheries crew, with technical partner, Ecosish, installed the Hanceville SONAR to monitor salmon past the T̓silhqox landslide area. This will operate until the end of the salmon season.



Left photo: TNG crew and Ecofish installing the diversion fence.

Right photo: TNG Fisheries Field Coordinator Leonard English setting up the SONAR unit.



Left photo: Leonard, TNG Fisheries Technician Alicia William, and Harlan Wright (Ecofish) setting up computer that shows SONAR visual of fish passing.

Right photo: Leonard and Alicia looking at data.

Scenes from the Field

Upper Chilcotin Chinook Emergency Enhancement Brood Stock Collection:

TNG has led emergency conservation enhancement activities for our most vulnerable salmon populations since 2020, in partnership with the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance (UFFCA) and DFO. The TNG Fisheries crew, TNG Rangers, and technicians from UFFCA, Ecofish, and DFO installed the brood stock collection fence on July 14, 2025 for emergency conservation enhancement of Upper Chilcotin Jaš.



Photos from left:

1. TNG Rangers Corbett Johnny and Shawn Harry setting up brood the collection fence on June 14, 2025.
2. TNG Ranger Jimmy Harry installing the brood collection fence.
3. Harlan and TNG Jr. Hatchery Manager Winston installing the brood collection fence.
4. Winston with freshly constructed brood collection fence.



Photos from left:

1. TNG Fisheries Biologist Pete Nicklin working with Quesnel River Research Centre (QRRC) hatchery technician to collect an adult Upper Chilcotin Jaš for brood stock on July 15, 2025.
2. Harlan and QRRC hatchery technician preparing an adult Jaš for live transport to QRRC hatchery; the fish will be held at the hatchery until they're ready to spawn and eggs and milt are ready for collection.
3. Harlan and Winston with brood stock transportation truck.

T̓silhqot'in Fisheries Plan - 2025 Salmon Season

The TNG Fisheries team anticipates a better return of both Ja̓s and Ts'eman than the previous few years that will support traditional fisheries on both the Chilcotin and Fraser River mainstems.

The T̓silhqot'in Council of Chiefs requests voluntary compliance with limited measures to protect early timed Ja̓s (Chinook) and Ts'eman (sockeye) populations at high risk of extinction.

REQUESTED VOLUNTARY PROTECTION MEASURES:

#1. Requested protection windows for the most vulnerable Ja̓s and Ts'eman:

a) If you can, please delay harvest of Ja̓s in the Chilko/Chilcotin mainstem until Friday, July 18, 2025 when the stronger Chilko Ja̓s population will be in the Territory.

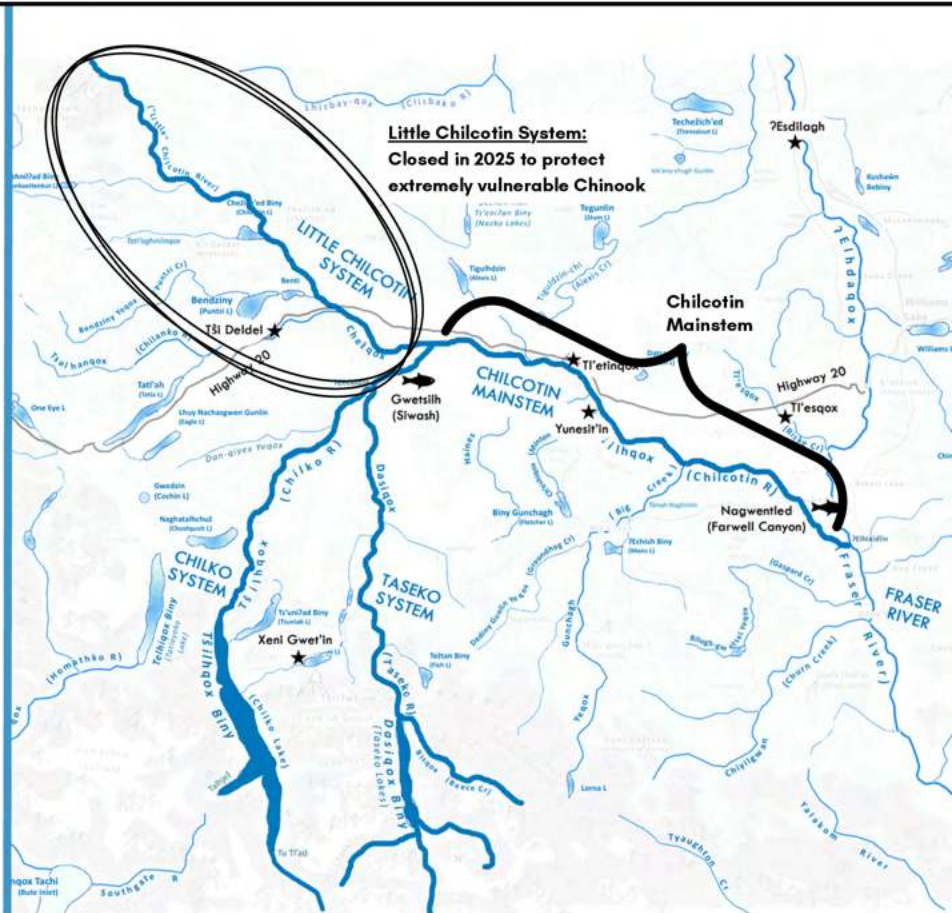
- Delaying Ja̓s harvest until this time allows critically endangered Upper Chežqox (Little Chilcotin River) Ja̓s to continue migrating to their spawning grounds.

b) If you can, please delay harvest of Ts'eman in the Chilko/Chilcotin mainstem until Thursday, August 14 when the stronger Chilko Ts'eman population will be in the Territory.

- Delaying ts'eman harvest until this time allows the critically endangered Dasiqox ts'eman populations to continue migrating to their spawning grounds.

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

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



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

- **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.
- **Good News:** This is a pink salmon year too, anticipated to be record high!



Tsilhqot'in
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

2025 FISHERIES NOTICE

July 16, 2025

Tsilhqot'in Council of Chiefs requests **voluntary compliance** with limited measures to protect early timed Jaê (Chinook) and Ts'eman (sockeye) populations that are at high risk of extinction.

Voluntary Protection Measures

1. Please release Jaê (Chinook) until July 18, 2025.
2. Please release Ts'eman (sockeye) until Thurs. Aug. 14, 2025.
3. Please do not fish for Jaê in the Cheêqox (Little Chilcotin) system above the Chilko / Chilcotin junction for the full fishing season.

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

**** Good News:** Both Jaê and Ts'eman returns are anticipated to be better in 2025 than in previous years, and this is also a pink salmon year.

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, June 17, 2025

