



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.

2025 T̓silhqot'in Fisheries:

We hope you're enjoying the 2025 salmon season! We're happy to see people on the river successfully catching Ja̓s, Ts'eman and Dandzex in the Chilcotin and the Fraser.

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

- Ts'eman (sockeye) and Dandzex (pink) harvest began August 13 in the Chilko/Chilcotin mainstem and the Fraser River.
- **Please do not fish in the Che̓qox (Little Chilcotin) for the full season**, except for the junction area with the Chilko. This protects critically endangered Che̓qox Ja̓s by allowing them to return to their spawning grounds to support their recovery.
- Please see applicable requested voluntary protection measure in the box below.

The T̓silhqot'in Nation Gathering will take place August 22-24, 2025 at Gwetsilh (Siwash flats). Bring your dipnet and enjoy the fishing!

Ts'eman (Sockeye) Update – good news!

- Chilko ts'eman are **running strong** in the Chilko and Chilcotin Rivers, and there are many more still to come from the ocean and Fraser River.
- Chilko is the single **strongest** returning salmon population in the Fraser this year, and this looks like the largest Chilko ocean return since 2010!
- The sockeye are in **excellent condition** and continue to migrate strongly through the slide impact area. They are now beginning to arrive at their spawning grounds in the Chilko.

Please see the August 13, 2025 Fisheries Notice attached on page 3.

2025 Applicable Voluntary Protection Measure:

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:

Please do not fish for Ja̓s in the Che̓qox (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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Scenes from the Field

Chilko Jaš (Chinook) Mark Recapture Program:



The Chilko Jaš Mark Recapture program gives us critical information about the numbers and health of Chilko Jaš returning to spawn in 2025. This project is a DFO-TNG Fisheries partnership.

Left: Hayden Grinder of TNG Fisheries angling for Jaš on Aug 16. Middle: Hayden with a captured Jaš on Aug 16. The Jaš will be marked, measured, and released back into the river to spawn. Right: Winston Bambrick of TNG Fisheries measuring and marking a Jaš on Aug 20, before releasing it back into the river.

TNG-led Aquatic Habitat Monitoring Program:

TNG Ranger Chantelle Paul measuring water level in the Lower Chilcotin River on Aug 14. TNG collects real-time water quality and quantity information in all 3 key natal systems in T̓silhqot'in Territory (Chilcotin, Chilko, Taseko).



Hanceville Sonar:

Gerald William of TNG Fisheries conducting daily maintenance at the TNG-led Hanceville sonar station on Aug 19. This sonar will operate throughout the entire salmon season to monitor salmon past the T̓silhqox landslide impact area.



For more information about the TNG Fisheries Program, visit the TNG Fisheries page on the TNG website at www.tsilhqotin.ca/our-territory/fisheries

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NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

2025 FISHERIES NOTICE

August 13, 2025

The Chilcotin/Chilko Mainstem is open for Jaê(Chinook), Ts'eman (sockeye) and Dandzex (pink) fisheries until the end of the 2025 fishing season.

The Fraser River is open for Ts'eman (sockeye) and Dandzex (pink) fisheries until the end of the 2025 fishing season.

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Jaê Reminder for the Cheêqox (Little Chilcotin River):

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

Please do not fish for Jaê in the Cheêqox system above the Chilko/Chilcotin junction for the full fishing season.

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.

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*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

