Tŝilhqot'in Fisheries Plan - 2026 Salmon Season

Approved by the Tŝilhqot'in Council of Chiefs, June 4, 2026

The TNG Fisheries team anticipates a good return of summer Jaŝ and Ts'eman to support traditional fisheries on both the Chilcotin and Fraser River mainstems.

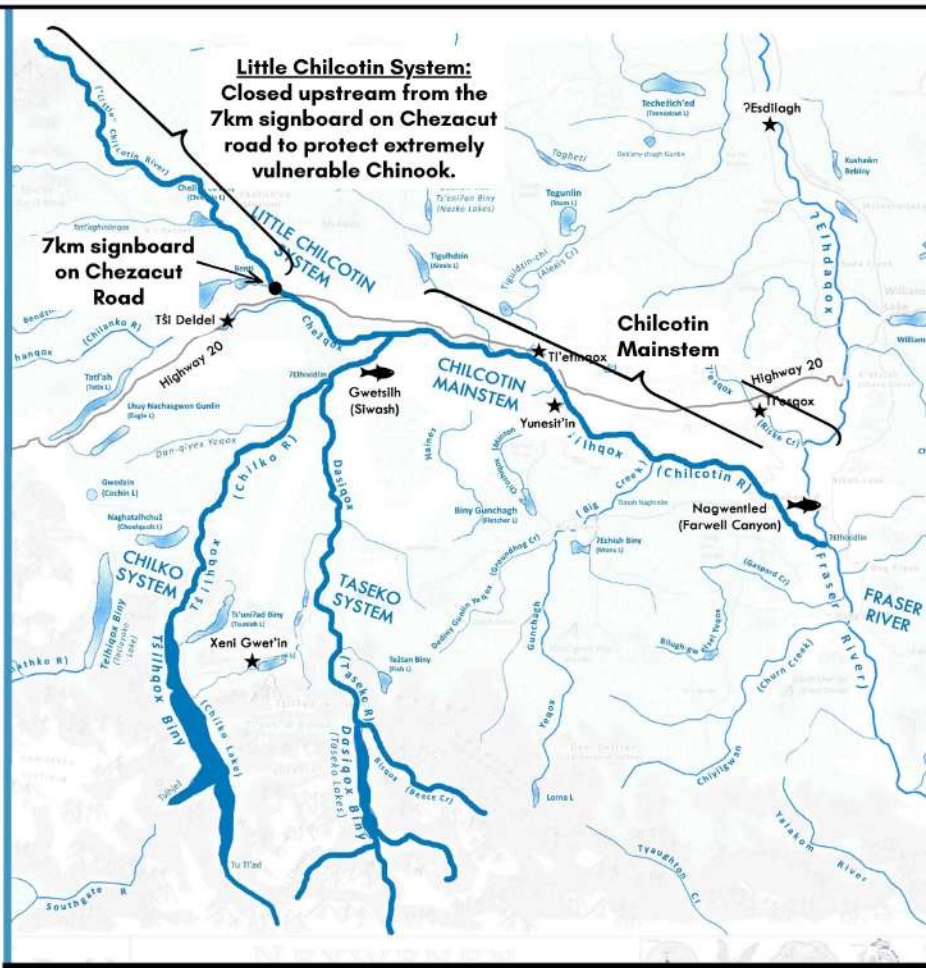
Two early-timed populations remain at a high risk of extirpation (local extinction). The Tŝilhqot'in Council of Chiefs requests voluntary compliance with limited measures to protect these 2 specific populations – Upper Chilcotin Jaŝ (Chinook) and Taseko Ts'eman (sockeye).

REQUESTED VOLUNTARY PROTECTION MEASURES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE JAŜ AND TS'EMAN:

#1. If you can, please delay harvest of Jaŝ in the Chilko/Chilcotin mainstem until **Friday, July 10, 2026** when the stronger Chilko and Lower Little Chilcotin Jaŝ populations will be in the Territory and allow critically endangered early-timed Upper Chilcotin Jaŝ to continue to their spawning grounds.

#2. If you can, please delay harvest of Ts'eman in the Chilko/Chilcotin mainstem until **Friday, August 7, 2026** when the stronger Chilko Ts'eman population will be in the Territory and allow critically endangered early-timed Taseko Ts'eman to continue to their spawning grounds.

#3. **Please do not fish for Jaŝ in the Little Chilcotin system upstream from the 7km signboard on the Chezacut road for the full fishing season** to protect the critically endangered Upper Chilcotin Jaŝ.



We can all help protect our at-risk Jaŝ 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.