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PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION
FRASER RIVER PANEL
Friday August 18, 2023 at 11:00 am.
via Zoom Webinar
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- 1) Roll Call (Panel and Tech members, others please email [Julie, ehrmantraut@psc.org](mailto:Julie_ehrmantraut@psc.org))
- 2) Webinar Etiquette:
 - a) Mute Phone: Please mute phone unless you are asking a question
 - b) Chat feature: Please use for questions regarding the distribution only
- 3) Agenda
- 4) Run status of Fraser River sockeye salmon relative to forecasts and adopted run sizes PSC Staff
- 5) In-season data flow for updating objectives PSC staff
 - a) Test fishing catches and acoustics
 - b) Mission projected sockeye vs. Qualark sockeye comparison
 - c) Stock proportions
 - d) Environmental conditions
 - e) Observations from the watershed DFO
- 6) Assessments and recommendations PSC Staff
 - a) Migration graphs, escapement projections, run size assessments
- 7) Review any decisions on staff recommendations Panel
- 8) Fisheries Recommendations Panel
 - a) Secretariat staff evaluation of fisheries recommendations
 - b) Panel decision on fisheries recommendations
- 9) Other Business Panel
 - a) Weekly Report
- 10) Next FRP Meeting, Tuesday August 22, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom Webinar and Panel
 in person at the Sheraton Airport Hotel
 Next Technical Committee meeting, Thursday August 24, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom TC

2023 Run status of Fraser sockeye and pink salmon

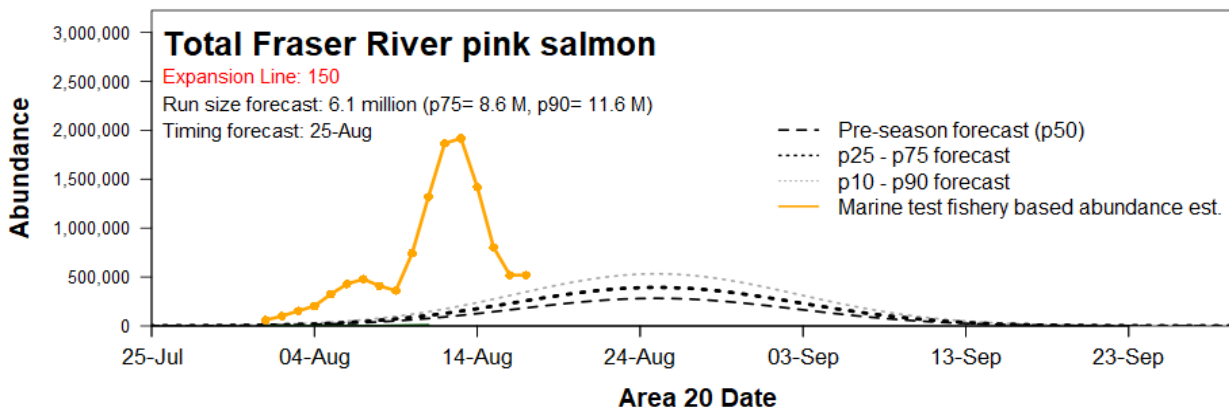
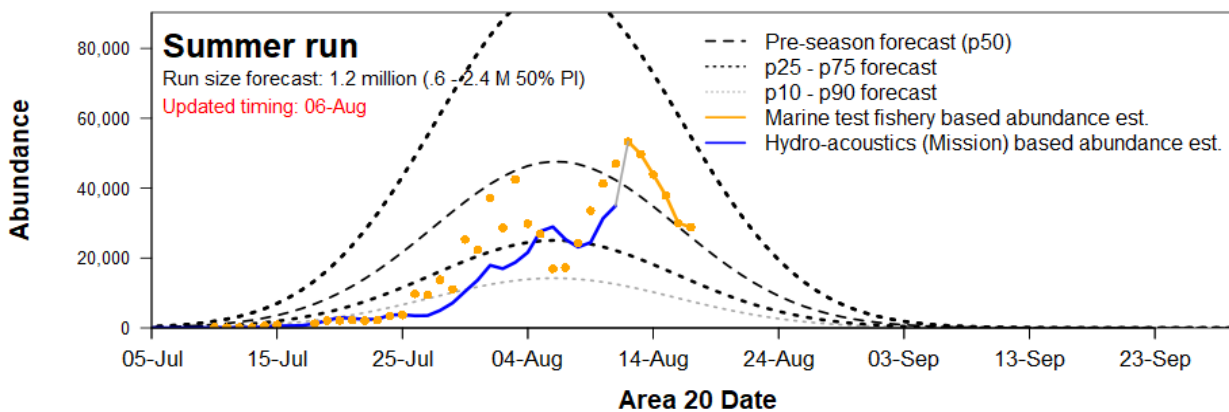
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The information presented in this distribution has been prepared by PSC Secretariat staff and should be considered preliminary until reviewed by the Fraser River Panel

Week of: Aug. 13 - Aug. 19, 2023	Sockeye				Total Fraser	Pink Total Fraser
	Management Group					
	E.Stuart	E.Summer	Summer	Late		
Mission passage (incls Pitt, Alouette, Coquitlam)	40,900	292,200	335,200	21,000	689,300	31,500
Catch downstream of Mission	200	3,800	6,300	1,000	11,300	2,800
Accounted Run To Date	41,100	296,000	341,500	22,000	700,600	34,300
Run size adopted in-season ²	41,000	290,000	na	na	na	8,575,000
Run size forecasted pre-season	23,000	186,000	1,167,000	188,000	1,564,000	6,135,000
Area 20 timing adopted in-season	2/Jul	23/Jul	na	na	na	18/Aug
Area 20 timing expected pre-season	7/Jul	6/Aug	17/Aug	24/Aug	16/Aug	25/Aug
Johnstone Str. Diversion Rate	In-season 5-day average				65%	34%
	Preseason forecast of annual rate:				67%	62%

¹ For pink salmon the accounted run-to-date is a reconstruction-based estimate.

² Run sizes are usually not adopted until after the peak of the run has passed through marine test fishery areas in Juan de Fuca and Johnstone straits.



2023 Catch-to-date by fishery

Date: Aug. 18, 2023

Week of: Aug. 13 - Aug. 19, 2023		Sockeye		Pink	
		Total	Fraser	Total	Fraser
Canada		5,019	5,019	12,580	579
	Commercial	0	0	0	0
	B Purse Seine	0	0	0	0
	D Gillnet	0	0	0	0
	E Gillnet	0	0	0	0
	G Troll	0	0	0	0
	H Troll	0	0	0	0
	First Nations	0	0	547	121
	Food, Social & Ceremonial (FSC)	0	0	547	121
	Marine	0	0	541	115
	Fraser R.	0	0	6	6
	Economic Opportunity (EO) & Demonstration (Demo)	0	0	0	0
	Escapement Surplus to Spawning Requirements (ESSR)	126	126	0	0
	Recreational	0	0	12,030	455
	Charter (Albion & A12 Chum test fishery)	472	472	3	3
	Other****	4,421	4,421	0	0
United States		0	0	0	0
	Commercial	0	0	0	0
	Treaty Tribes (TRB)	0	0	0	0
	All Citizen (AC)	0	0	0	0
	Treaty Tribes Ceremonial & Subsistence (C&S)	0	0	0	0
	All Citizen Recreational	0	0	0	0
	Other****	0	0		
	Alaska *	na	na	na	na
Panel-approved Test Fisheries		11,617	11,091	7,470	2,260
	Panel Waters	8,294	8,004	6,398	2,128
	Canada	8,294	8,004	2,748	513
	U.S.	0	0	3,650	1,615
	Non-Panel Waters**	3,323	3,087	1,072	133
Total		16,636	16,110	20,050	2,839
	Catch Seaward of Mission ***	11,758	11,232	20,043	2,832
	Catch Upstream of Mission	4,878	4,878	7	7

* Alaska data are processed post-season and so are unavailable in-season.

** Includes Qualark

*** All catches in marine areas and in the Fraser River downstream of Mission.

**** May include unauthorized directed retention or unauthorized bycatch retention in fisheries directed at other species

	Fraser Sockeye					Fraser Pinks	
	Early Stuart	Early Summer	Summer	Lates	Total	Total	
RUN STATUS, ESCAPEMENT NEEDS & AVAILABLE SURPLUS							
Pre-season or Adopted In-season Run Size	41,000	290,000	1,167,000	188,000	1,686,000	8,575,000	
Adult Spawning Escapement Target (SET)	41,000	145,000	1,046,600	188,000	1,420,600	6,000,000	
%SET from TAM rules	100%	50%	90%	100%		70%	
Management Adjustment (MA)*	69,700	156,600	240,720	188,000	655,020	0	
Proportional MA (pMA)*	1.70	1.08	0.23	1.00		0.00	
Adjusted Spawning Escapement Target (SET) **	41,000	290,000	1,167,000	188,000	1,686,000	6,000,000	
Test Fishing (TF)*****	250	3,700	11,860	2,030	17,840	25,270	
Surplus above Adjusted SET & Test fishing	0	0	0	0	0	2,549,730	
DEDUCTIONS & TAC FOR INTERNATIONAL SHARING							
Aboriginal Fishery Exemption (AFE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Deductions (Adj. SET + TF + Available AFE)	41,250	293,700	1,178,860	190,030	1,703,840	6,025,270	
Available TAC for International Sharing	0	0	0	0	0	2,549,730	
UNITED STATES (Washington) TAC							
Proportionally Distributed TAC ***	16.5%	0	0	0	0	25.7%	655,280
U.S. Payback ***	0.0%	0	0	0	0		0
Proportionally Distributed TAC + Payback	0	0	0	0	0	655,280	
Treaty Tribes Share ***	67.7%	0	0	0	0	50.0%	327,640
All Citizen Share	32.3%	0	0	0	0	50.0%	327,640
CANADA TAC							
Aboriginal Fishery Exemption (AFE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Canadian TAC + AFE	0	0	0	0	0	1,894,450	
CATCH-TO-DATE							
Test	250	3,750	6,140	960	11,090	2,260	
Treaty Tribes (Wash.) / Ceremonial (TRB)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
All Citizen (Wash.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other (Wash.)****	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	
First Nations Catch (including AFE)	0	0	0	0	0	120	
Planned Charter & Recreational Shares	20	160	270	14	472	0	460
Other****	250	2,740	1,430	10	4,420	0	0
Total Commercial (including FN EO/Demo*****)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	270	2,900	1,700	24	4,890	580	
Total Catch in All Fisheries	520	6,650	7,840	984	15,980	2,840	
Exploitation Rate (catch-to-date / run size)	1.3%	2.3%	0.7%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	
Exploit. Rate with fishery-induced mortality included	1.4%	2.4%	0.8%	0.7%	1.0%		
CATCH REMAINING (BALANCE)							
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	655,280	
Canada	-270	-2,900	-1,700	-24	-4,894	1,893,870	
Balance Remaining [below share / -above share]	-270	-2,900	-1,700	-24	-4,894	2,549,150	

* Given the 2022 pre-season forecasts of abundances, fisheries decisions that could impact the Early Stuart sockeye management group will be based on Low Abundance Exploitation Rate (LAER) limit of 10%.

The intent of LAER is to allow for limited fisheries directed on co-migrating stocks or species, but also may permit limited harvest in some cases. The application of the LAER obviates the need for management adjustments for this group.

** The adjusted SET is the lesser of the run size or the sum of the MA + TAM - defined SET.

*** Washington sockeye and pink shares according to Annex IV of the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

 Sockeye: 16.5% of the TAC - payback (maximum of 5% of share).

 Pink: 25.7% of the TAC - payback (maximum of 5% of share)

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***** EO = FN Economic Opportunity fisheries; Demo = FN Demonstration fisheries.

***** The test fishing deduction was updated in-season to 42,579 on September 2, 2022.

2023 Fraser Sockeye Test Fishing & Escapement Summary

Area/Gear Location From A20	Johnstone Strait	Juan de Fuca Strait		Fraser River									
	A12 PS Blinkhorn (-1 day)	A20 PS Port Renfrew (0 days)	A7 RN ¹ San Juan Is (+3 days)	A29-13 GN Cottonwood (+5 days)	A29-17 GN Brownsville Bar ² (+5 days)	A29-16 GN Whonnock (+6 days)	Whon CPUE Estimate (+6 days)	GN Catch (+8 days)	Qualark Estimate ³	Method ⁴	Mission Hydroacoustics Estimate ⁵ (+6 days)	Method ⁶	Hells Gate Estimates ⁷ (+10 days)
27-Jul	107	127		9	40	2	0.17	9	8,444	RB + LB	8,500	S1+M2+A2	5,000
28-Jul	522	81		20	36	9	0.83	10	6,521	RB + LB	7,000	S1+M2+A2	3,010
29-Jul	13	265		1	17	3	0.27	11	6,965	RB + LB	9,200	S1+M2+A2	2,660
30-Jul	239	384		3	44	5	0.47	11	5,396	RB + LB	6,600	S1+M2+A2	930
31-Jul	99	1,021		8	66	19	1.64	8	6,890	RB + LB	11,000	S1+M2+A2	890
1-Aug	4,592	230		3	36	11	0.93	16	8,067	RB + LB	9,000	S1+M2+A2	930
2-Aug	1,400	143		3	24	20	1.72	10	8,834	RB + LB	7,900	S1+M2+A2	1,080
3-Aug	6,197	147		10	44	21	1.74	14	9,597	RB + LB	17,800	S1+M2+A2	1,960
4-Aug	2,824	184		17	57	15	1.25	23	9,209	RB + LB	13,900	A1+S1+M2+A2	2,720
5-Aug	203	162		17	136	58	4.33	10	12,073	RB + LB	19,600	A1+S1+M2+A2	2,630
6-Aug	683	387		21	143	31	2.48	7	14,372	RB + LB	23,900	A1+S1+M2+A2	4,220
7-Aug	663	492		28	51	11	0.97	20	16,577	RB + LB	25,700	A1+S1+M2+A2	4,500
8-Aug	93 (2 sets)	188		9	107	12	1.06	17	21,431	RB + LB	30,600	A1+S1+M2+A2	6,870
9-Aug	5,923	85 (3 sets)		19	116	9	0.82	15	21,271	RB + LB	18,000	A1+S1+M2+A2	6,860
10-Aug	1,645	72 (3 sets)		44	155	24	1.89	17	20,706	RB + LB	32,000	A1+S1+M2+A2	11,100
11-Aug	4,017	1,294		15	83	44	3.42	19	11,411	RB + LB	37,100	A1+S1+M2+A2	11,620
12-Aug	9,032	2,000		24	80	72	5.63	12	18,569	RB + LB	37,800	A1+S1+M2+A2	7,060
13-Aug	991	865		15	71	60	4.82	20	29,195	RB + LB	35,200	A1+S1+M2+A2	2,580
14-Aug	763	1006 (5 sets)	290	45	106	84	6.16	47	31,260	RB + LB	26,100	A1+S1+M2+A2	No Count
15-Aug	4714 (5 sets)	405	368	66	141	109	8.72	20	29,702	RB + LB	31,900	A1+S1+M2+A2	14,260
16-Aug	90 (5 sets)	241	376	159	115	138	10.61	43	26,791	RB + LB	37,500	A1+S1+M2+A2	6,530
17-Aug	36 (3 sets)	120 (4 sets)		93	146	178	14.24				51,300	A1+S1+M2+A2	2,950
18-Aug													

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² Alternative Lower River Test Fishery - Southern Endowment Fund Project

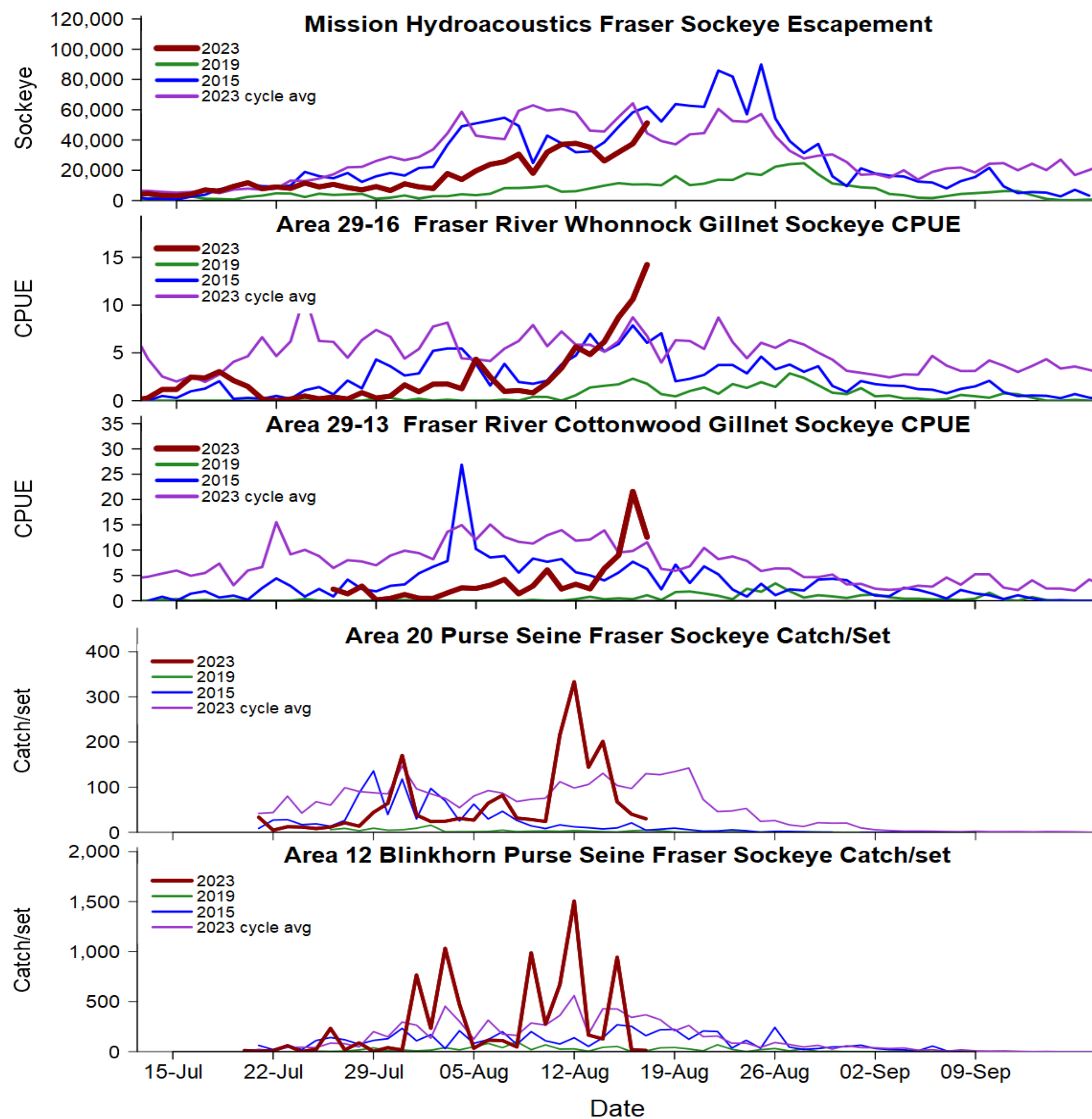
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⁴ Qualark source:
RB + LB = Right-bank (RB) + Left-bank (LB)

⁵ Mission escapement estimate - does not include Pitt

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S1+M2+A2 = Left bank split-beam (S1) + Mobile ARIS (M2) + Right bank ARIS (A2)
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⁷ Daily Hells Gate abundance estimate; actual daily count has been expanded.



2023 Fraser Pink Test Fishing & Escapement Summary

Area/Gear Location From A20	Johnstone Strait		Juan de Fuca Strait		Fraser River								
	A12 PS Blinkhorn (- 2 days)	A20 PS Port Renfrew (0 days)	A7 RN ¹ San Juan Is	A29-13 GN Cottonwood	A29-17 GN Brownsville Bar ²	A29-16 GN Whonnock	Whon CPUE Estimate	GN Catch	Qualark Estimate ³	Method ⁴	Mission Hydroacoustics Estimate ⁵	Method ⁶	Hell's Gate Estimates ⁷
28-Jul	11,055	6,285		0	0	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	0	S1+M2+A2	0
29-Jul	574	7,964		0	0	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	0	S1+M2+A2	0
30-Jul	1,800	6,100		0	0	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	0	S1+M2+A2	0
31-Jul	2,199	4,152		0	0	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	0	S1+M2+A2	0
1-Aug	10,849	6,072		0	0	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	0	S1+M2+A2	0
2-Aug	11,745	4,101		0	0	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	0	S1+M2+A2	0
3-Aug	15,892	5,102		0	0	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	0	S1+M2+A2	0
4-Aug	5,826	10,886		0	1	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	0	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
5-Aug	4,442	7,835		0	2	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	730	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
6-Aug	12,365	20,036		0	0	1	0.08	0	0	RB+LB	1,470	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
7-Aug	25,449	22,255		0	1	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	1,470	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
8-Aug	4322 (2 sets)	12,043		0	3	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	1,470	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
9-Aug	88,365	2709 (3 sets)		1	0	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	2,010	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
10-Aug	51,493	6080 (3 sets)		0	1	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	2,010	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
11-Aug	61,846	32,260		0	1	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	2,020	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
12-Aug	92,413	52,160		0	1	1	0.08	0	0	RB+LB	1,010	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
13-Aug	12,244	49,024		0	2	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	1,520	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
14-Aug	9,283	23431 (5 sets)	398	0	2	0	0.00	0	0	RB+LB	2,020	A1+S1+M2+A2	No Count
15-Aug	45400 (5 sets)	11,635	1,337	1	5	1	0.08	0	0	RB+LB	2,520	A1+S1+M2+A2	0
16-Aug	6486 (5 sets)	3,962	2,108	0	10	4	0.30	1	623	RB+LB	4,540	A1+S1+M2+A2	10,700
17-Aug	385 (3 sets)	5645 (4 sets)		1	18	3	0.24				8,710	A1+S1+M2+A2	12,360
18-Aug													
19-Aug													

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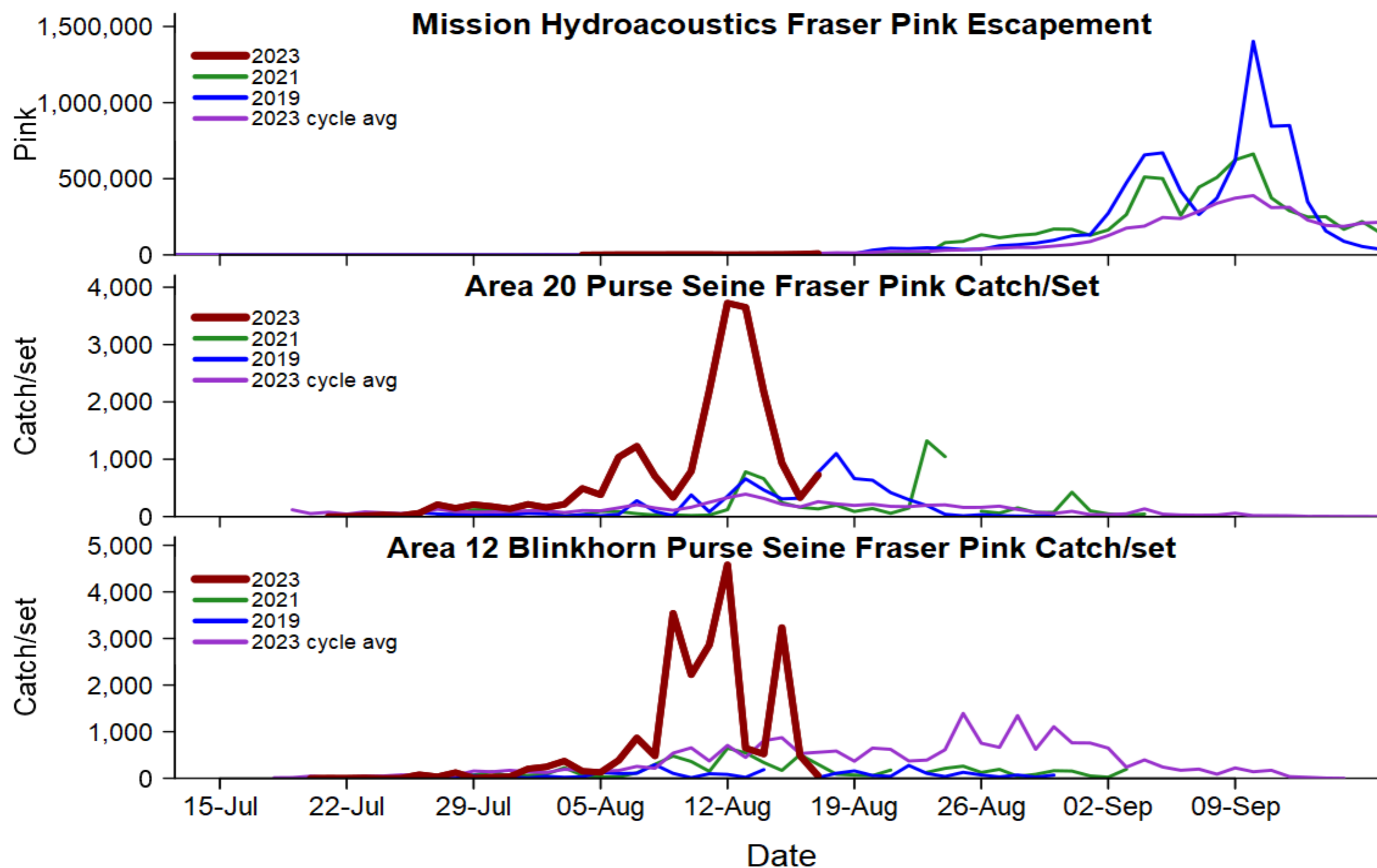
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Fraser Sockeye: Qualark Passage Estimate and Mission-based Projection

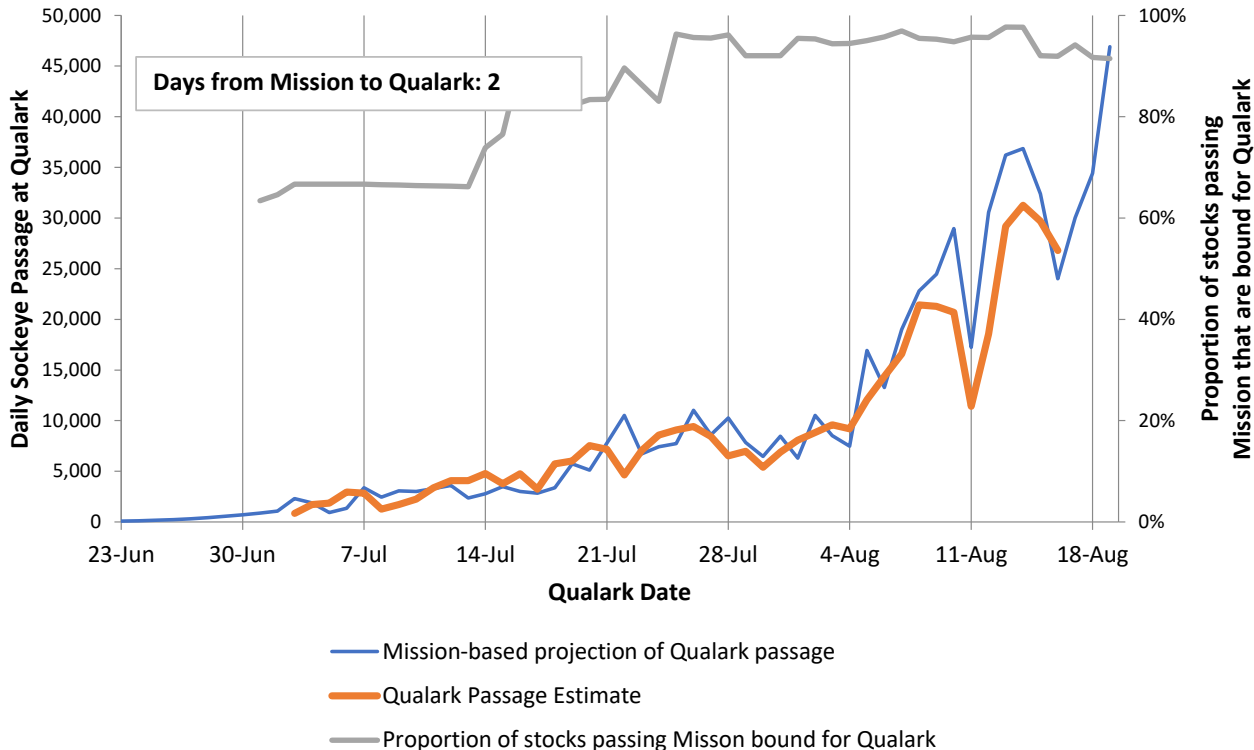
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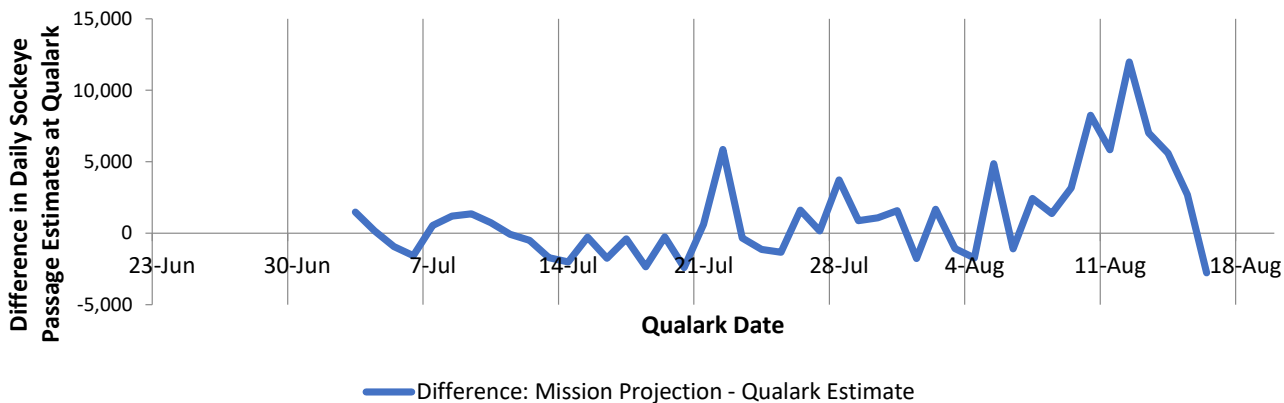
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	All Days	Common Days
Mission projection	598,328	482,379
Qualark estimate	431,977	431,977
	Difference	50,401
	%Difference	10%

Compare Qualark Passage Estimate and Mission-based Projection



Difference between Qualark Passage Estimate and Mission-based Projection



2023 Fraser River Sockeye Salmon Stock identification Review

Recent stock composition estimates for sockeye salmon

Fishing						Fraser-only Stock Proportions by Reporting Group ⁴ (%)														Age (%)			
						Sample		Early Stuart	Early Summer					Summer					Late				Overall Stocks
								Early Stuart	Chilli-wack	Pitt Alouette	Nadina Bowron Gates Nahat-latch	Early Thompson	Early Summer sub-total	Harrison	Late Stuart	Chilko	Raft North Thompson	Summer sub-total	Birkenhead Big Silver	Late Shuswap Portage	Weaver Cultus	Late sub-total	Age-4 ₂
Area/Gear ¹	Sector ²	Date	Type ³	Size (n)	%Fraser	Early Stuart	Chilli-wack	Coquit-lam	Nadina Bowron Gates Nahat-latch	Early Thompson	Early Summer sub-total	Harrison	Late Stuart	Chilko	Raft North Thompson	Summer sub-total	Birkenhead Big Silver	Late Shuswap Portage	Weaver Cultus	Late sub-total	Age-4 ₂		
Johnstone Strait & Queen Charlotte Strait																							
A12 ps	tf	Aug 9	DNA	89	98%	0%	1%		5%	1%	7%		23%	52%	2%	77%	5%	3%	8%	16%	66%		
A12 ps	tf	Aug 12	DNA	90	99%	0%			3%		3%		16%	59%	1%	75%	7%	4%	10%	21%	64%		
A12 ps	tf	Aug15-16	DNA	144	97%	0%			5%	3%	8%		16%	41%	3%	60%	4%	3%	25%	32%	67%		
A12 ps		Aug 21	Prediction	1	98%	0%			2%	0%	2%		6%	49%	2%	57%	10%	5%	26%	41%	NA		
Juan de Fuca Strait & Washington & Other																							
A20 ps	tf	Aug 11	DNA	98	100%	0%			4%	1%	6%	2%	22%	49%		73%	12%	2%	7%	21%	NA		
A20 ps	tf	Aug 12	DNA	97	98%	0%			8%	3%	11%		9%	60%		69%	6%	9%	5%	20%	70%		
A20 ps	tf	Aug 15	DNA	98	99%	0%			1%	1%	2%		10%	55%	1%	67%	15%	6%	10%	32%	71%		
A20 ps		Aug 20	Prediction	1	99%	0%			4%	2%	6%		5%	52%	1%	57%	16%	10%	11%	37%	NA		
In-river																							
Hop-Qua gn	tf	Aug11-12	DNA	29	100%	0%			19%	17%	36%		9%	55%		64%				0%	NA		
AB gn	tf	Aug13-15	DNA	149	100%	0%	1%		19%	3%	23%	1%	12%	61%	1%	75%	2%			2%	71%		
BB gn Bro	tf	Aug14-16	DNA	149	99%	0%		1%	13%	5%	20%	1%	14%	61%		76%	5%			5%	79%		
BB gn Cot	tf	Aug14-16	DNA	149	100%	0%		1%	14%	5%	21%	1%	11%	57%	1%	70%	10%			10%	NA		

2023 Fraser River Pink Salmon Stock identification Review

Recent stock composition estimates for pink salmon

Fishing					DNA % Estimates by Group		
Sample		Canada					
Area/Gear ¹	Sector ²	Date	Type ³	Size (n)	Fraser River	Washington	South Coast
Johnstone Strait							
A12 PS	TF	Aug11	DNA	95	30%	28%	42%
A12 PS	TF	Aug14	DNA	100	24%	25%	51%
A12		Aug17	Prediction	1	40%	26%	35%
Juan de Fuca Strait							
A20 PS	TF	Aug10	DNA	96	43%	38%	19%
A20 PS	TF	Aug14	DNA	91	51%	19%	29%
A20		Aug17	Prediction	1	52%	32%	16%
Washington							
A7 RN	TF	Aug14	DNA	181	40%	23%	37%
A7		Aug17	Prediction	1	50%	22%	29%
A7A		Aug17	Prediction	1	52%	13%	35%

Notes for sockeye and pink tables:

¹ BB GN=29_13 (Cottonwood,Brownsville), AT = Alaska Twist, AB GN=29_16 (Whonnock), MA FW=Matsqui Fish Wheel, QU GN=Qualark

² TF=sample from test fishery catch, CM=sample from commercial catch, C&S=ceremonial & subsistence catch, FSC=food, social, & ceremonial catch, rec= recreational catch

³ Predictions for sockeye are multinomial extrapolations of current year data to 5 days after the last observation; Predictions for pink salmon are projections of stock compositions based on historic and current data

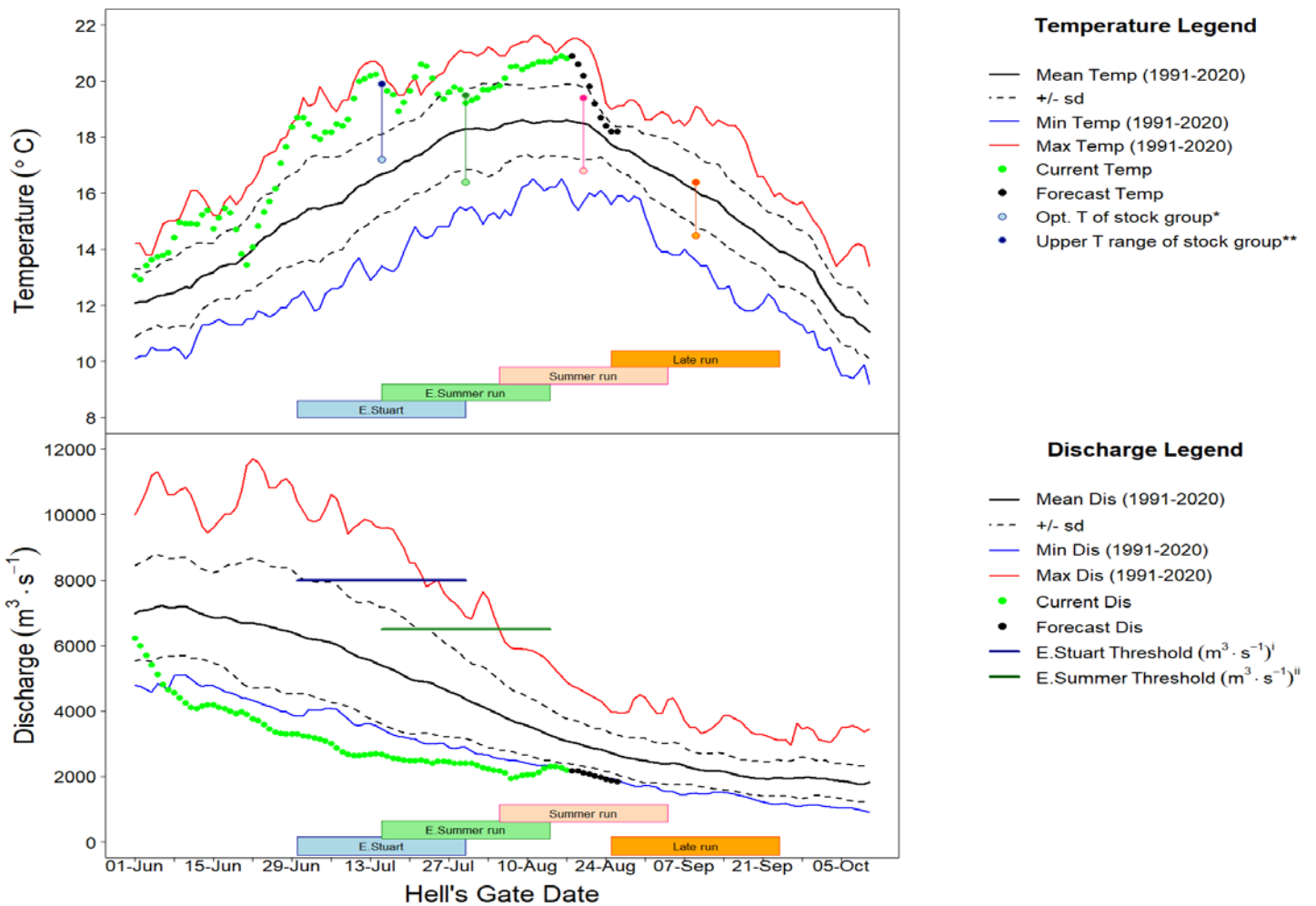
⁴ Further information relating stock group descriptions to spawning ground locations and population definitions can be found at http://www.psc.org/FRPWeb/Escapement/PSC_Fraser_Sockeye_Stock_Group_Definitions.pdf

Results in grey text have been presented to the Panel previously

Fraser River Environmental Report for August 17, 2023

Observed Fraser River Temperature at Qualark for 17-Aug	20.8°C
Average (1991-2020) Historical Temperature on this day	18.6°C
Deviation from Average	2.2°C
Forecast Temperature for 23-Aug-23	18.7°C
The forecast in Kamloops and Prince George is for above average air temperature until Aug 18 and 17, respectively. Air temperature is then forecast to drop to below average and then return to above average air temperature for the rest of the forecast period.	

Observed Fraser River Discharge at Hope for 17-Aug	2188 m ³ ·s ⁻¹
Average (1991-2020) Historical Discharge on this day	3085 m ³ ·s ⁻¹
% above or below Historical Discharge	-29%
Forecast Discharge for 23-Aug-23	1971 m ³ ·s ⁻¹
The forecast in Kamloops is for 12 mm of precipitation. The forecast in Prince George is for 11 mm of precipitation.	



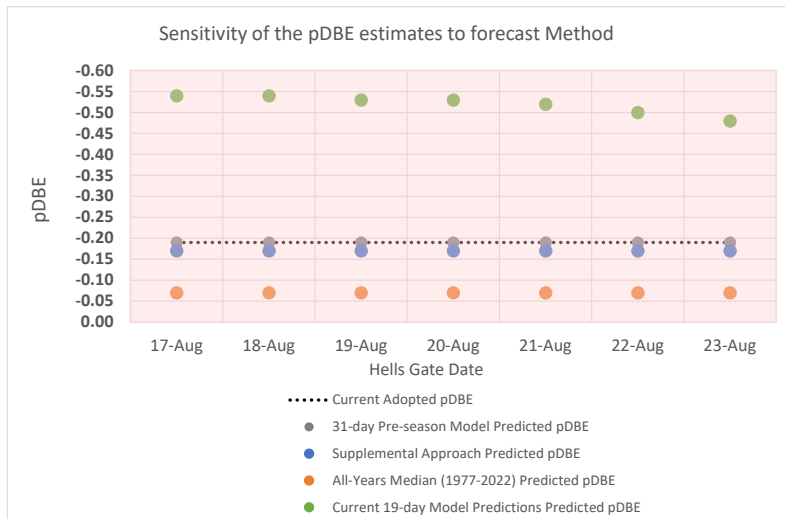
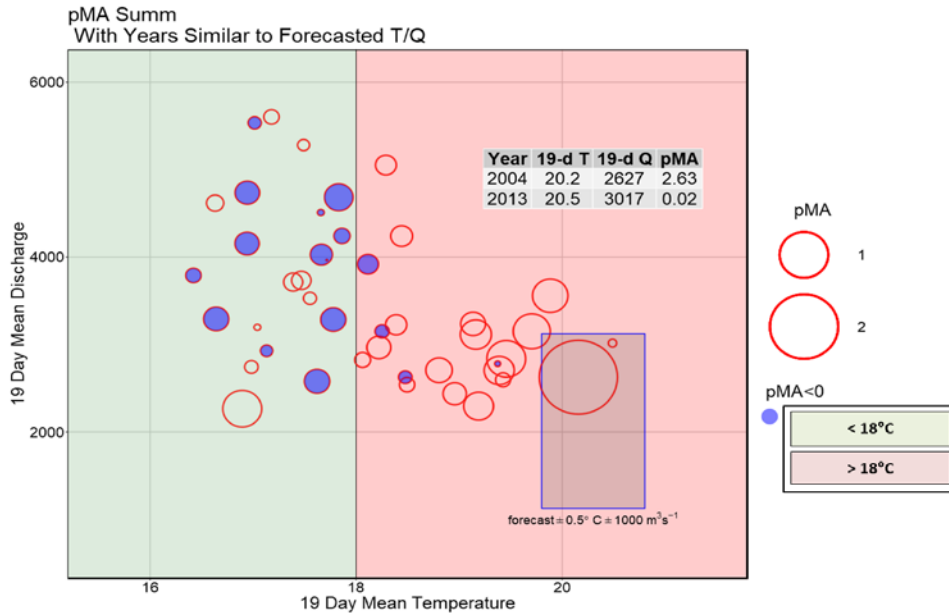
Run timing bars represent a 31 day spread of the run centered around the Hell's Gate date. Hell's gate timing is 5 days from Mission for Early Stuart and Late run; and 4 days from Mission for Early Summer and Summer run.ⁱpMA is the proportional increase to spawning escapement targets to help ensure targets are achieved.ⁱⁱ%DBE is %difference between estimates of potential spawning escapement and spawning escapement.*This is the optimum temp for aerobic swimming - T_{opt} (Eliason et al. (2011). Science 332: 109-112)**This is the upper range of the optimum temp for aerobic swimming - T_{pejus}.ⁱDischarge threshold of 8000cms for Early Stuart from Macdonald (2000). Can. Tech. Rep. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 2315: 120p. ⁱⁱDischarge threshold of 6500cms for Early Summer run from Macdonald et al. (2010). Trans. Am. Fish. Soc. 139: 768-782. 19 days of T & Q data are required to calculate a pMA - 15 days before the Hell's Gate Date and 3 days after. MA estimates can be calculated 4 days after the Area 20 date.

Current Temperatures						
Upriver of Slide	Map #	16-Aug	Daily Mean	Historic Mean	Deviation from Historical Mean	Historic Year Range
<u>Fraser River Mainstem</u>						
	1	Fraser River @ Qualark	20.9	18.6	2.3	1991-2020
	2	Fraser River @ Texas Creek	19.7	18.2	1.5	2006-2022
	3	Fraser River @ Big Bar Creek	NA	NA	NA	2019-2022
▶	4	Fraser River @ Marguerite	18.7	18.2	0.5	2015-2022
▶	5	Upper Fraser @ Shelley	16.8	15.4	1.4	1994-2022
<u>Fraser River Tributaries</u>						
	6	Thompson R. @ Ashcroft	21.1	18.7	2.4	1995-2022
	7	South Thompson @ Chase	21.9	19.6	2.3	1994-2022
	8	North Thompson @ McLure	19.2	15.7	3.5	2006-2022
▶	9	Quesnel R. @ Quesnel	19.2	17.9	1.3	2000-2022
▶	10	Nechako R. @ Isle Pierre	18.9	18.9	0.0	2006-2022
▶	11	Stuart R. @ Ft. St. James	19.5	18.6	0.9	2000-2022



Summer run pDBE Forecast and Sensitivity Analysis for August 18, 2023

Based on the retrospective analysis evaluation of 2010-2021 for Summer run the best performing in-season model is the 31-day pre-season model



Model Performance Based on "In-season pDBE Approach"					Tied Second Best (too conservative)		Tied Second Best (not conservative enough)		
Retrospective					Best	Best	Least	Least	
					Current Adopted	31-day Pre-season Model	Supplemental Approach	All-Years Median (1977-2022)	Current 19-day Model Predictions
Area	Hells Gate Date	Average Temperature °C	Average Discharge m³/s	pDBE	Predicted pDBE	Predicted pDBE	Predicted pDBE	Predicted pDBE	
06-Aug	17-Aug	20.4	2157	-0.19	-0.19	-0.17	-0.07	-0.54	
07-Aug	18-Aug	20.4	2147	-0.19	-0.19	-0.17	-0.07	-0.54	
08-Aug	19-Aug	20.4	2135	-0.19	-0.19	-0.17	-0.07	-0.53	
09-Aug	20-Aug	20.3	2124	-0.19	-0.19	-0.17	-0.07	-0.53	
10-Aug	21-Aug	20.3	2110	-0.19	-0.19	-0.17	-0.07	-0.52	
11-Aug	22-Aug	20.2	2098	-0.19	-0.19	-0.17	-0.07	-0.50	
* 12-Aug	23-Aug	20.0	2092	-0.19	-0.19	-0.17	-0.07	-0.48	
Implied pMA									
12-Aug	23-Aug	20.0	2092	0.23	0.23	0.20	0.08	0.92	

*Currently last day with 19 days of observed (10 days) and forecasted (9 days) Temp & Disch data.

Years with high temperature similar to 2023

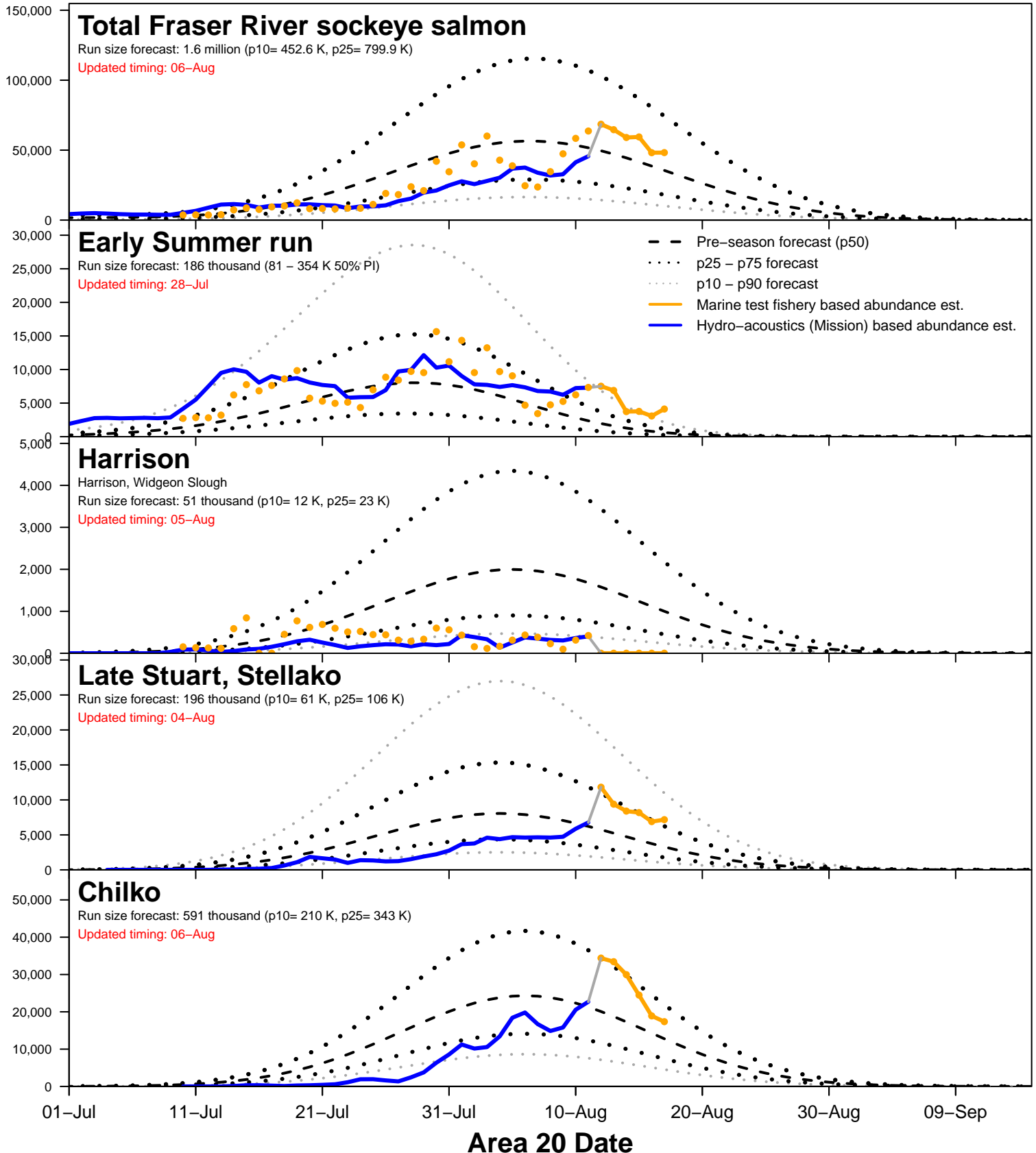
	2004	2013	Current available 2023
19-day Temperature	20.2	20.5	~20.3
31-day Temperature	19.8	19.7	NA
Observed pDBE	-0.72	-0.02	NA
Adopted in-season pDBE	-0.29	-0.71	-0.19
Impact of gear			
Catch Below Mission	1,854,000	386,542	10,434
Catch Above Mission	483,000	231,000	1,630
Inseason Reports of Fish Condition (*strength of evidence is strong) ¹			
Overall fish condition	poor	NA	good
fish holding and schooling in river	reported	NA	not reported
Body damage	reported	NA	NA
*Scale Loss	NA	NA	NA
*Gear marks	NA	NA	NA
Wounds	reported	NA	NA
Infection	NA	NA	NA
*Injury to vital organ	NA	NA	NA
*Fin damage	NA	NA	NA
Sea lice scarring	NA	NA	NA
Carcasses at Mission (August)	528	22	1
Post Season Reports			
Fish Condition	increased incidence of poor fish condition	good	NA
Spawning success	99.3%	98.4%	NA
Incident of high Net marks	high	NA	NA
Water levels and Temperature on SG	Above average rainfall at Quesnel resulting in poor counting conditions - estimates biased low	favorable	NA
Of Note	Chilcotin landslide below Farwell Canyon	NA	NA

¹SEF Report: Evaluation and coordination of information useful for predicting en-route loss in Fraser sockeye. Principal Proponents: David Patterson, Merran Hague, Jamie Scroggie & Keri Benner

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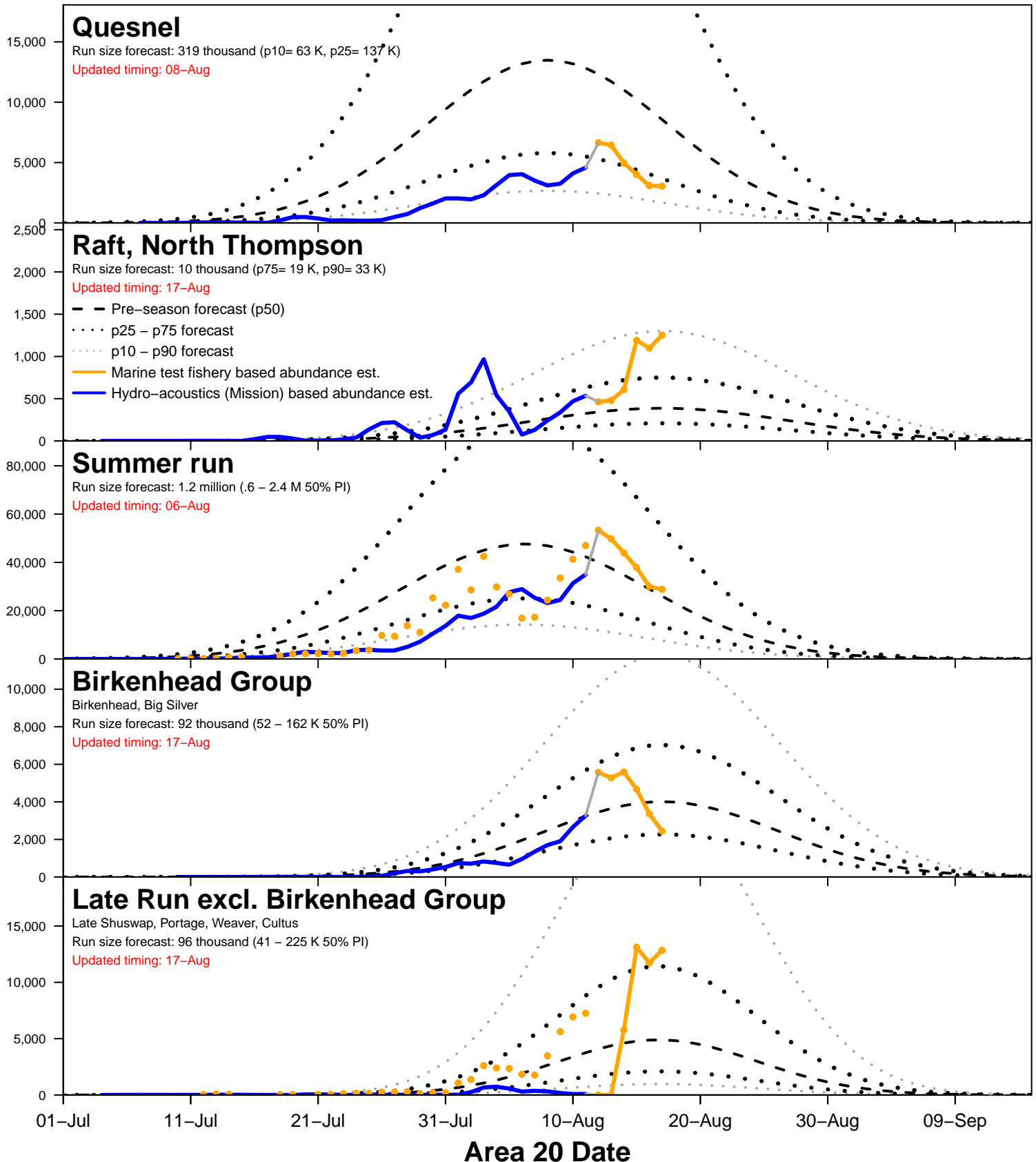
2023 Fraser River sockeye salmon daily migration

Timing updated based on Timing Correlations



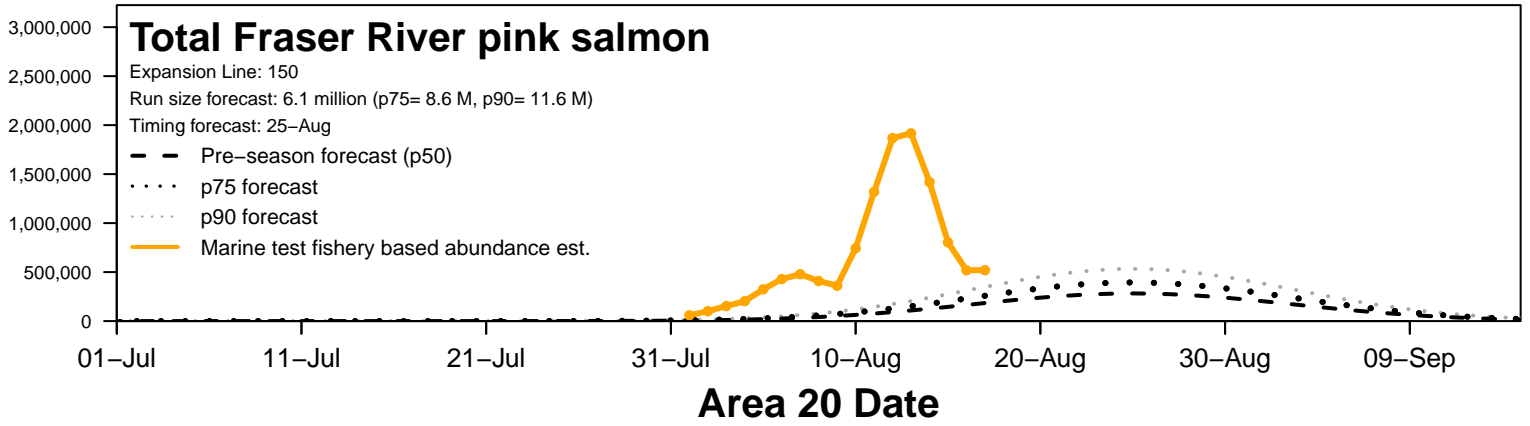
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2023 Fraser River sockeye abundance en-route to Mission

Current date: 18-Aug

Area 20 date	Escapement past Mission through 17-Aug	Projected abundance en route to Mission based on marine test fishery data ^{1,2}								Escapement + projections through 23-Aug	
		12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug	16-Aug	17-Aug	Total	80% PI ³		
		18-Aug	19-Aug	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug		10p	90p	
Total Fraser	689,300	64,200	80,300	48,300	47,800	81,500	14,600	336,700	201,800	503,700	1,026,000
Early Summer Run	292,200	10,600	7,400	2,800	1,000	7,500	700	30,000	14,700	62,100	322,200
Chilliwack	31,800	200	0	0	0	0	0	200	100	400	32,000
Pitt/Alouette/Coquitlam	33,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33,700
Nadina group ⁴	192,000	7,900	6,700	2,000	700	4,900	500	22,700	11,100	47,000	214,700
Early Thompson ⁵	34,700	2,500	700	800	300	2,600	200	7,100	3,500	14,700	41,800
Summer Run	335,200	49,400	66,500	32,600	32,200	48,400	9,100	238,200	145,300	343,000	573,400
Harrison / Widgeon ²	7,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,200
Late Stuart / Stellako	73,100	9,200	13,300	5,500	6,300	12,600	1,700	48,600	29,600	70,000	121,700
Chilko	204,400	32,200	44,900	22,700	21,900	28,600	6,000	156,300	95,300	225,100	360,700
Quesnel	44,500	7,600	7,700	4,000	3,200	4,900	1,200	28,600	17,400	41,200	73,100
Raft / North Thompson	6,000	400	600	400	800	2,300	200	4,700	2,900	6,800	10,700
Late Run	21,000	4,200	6,400	12,900	14,600	25,600	4,800	68,500	41,800	98,600	89,500
Birkenhead / Big Silver	17,300	4,200	6,400	5,100	5,200	3,700	1,200	25,800	15,700	37,200	43,100
Late Shuswap / Portage ²	3,000	0	0	2,900	2,300	2,600	1,400	9,200	5,600	13,200	12,200
Weaver / Cultus ²	700	0	0	4,900	7,100	19,300	2,200	33,500	20,400	48,200	34,200

¹ En route catches are incomplete: catches from present and future fisheries must be deducted from projections and added to the catches removed

² Projected abundances en route to Mission include Harrison and Late runs, an uncertain number of which are expected to delay

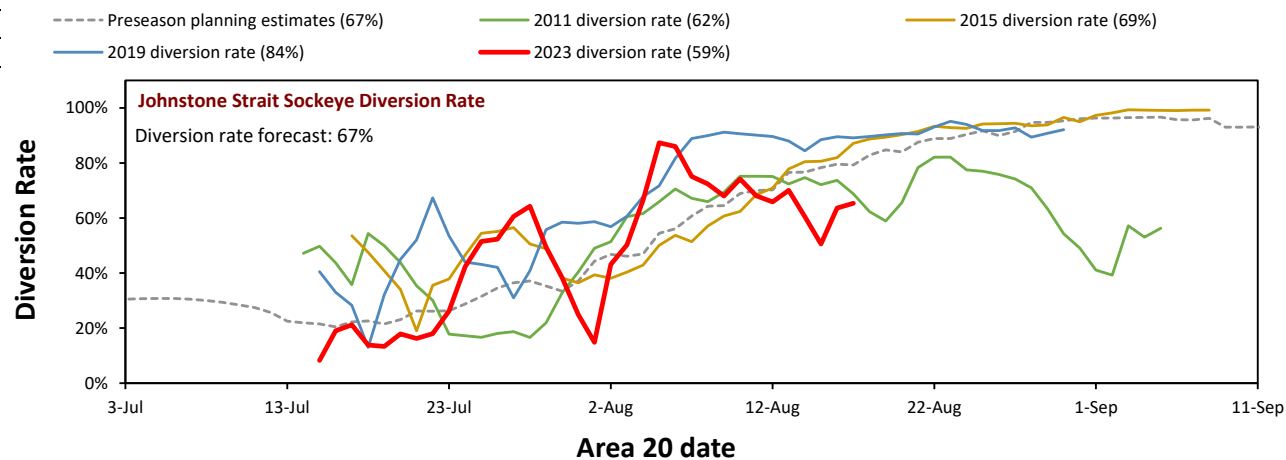
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⁵ Early South Thompson / North Barriere

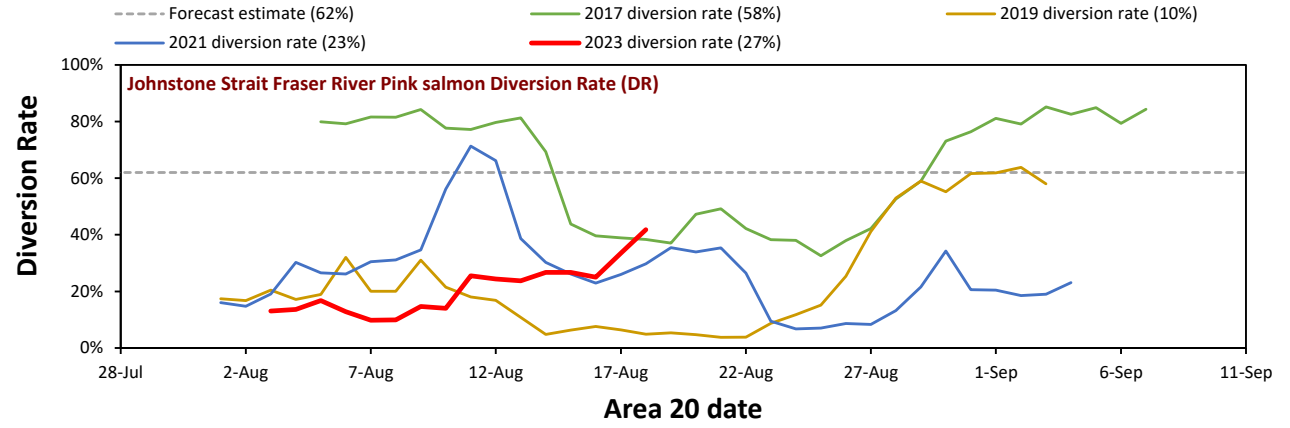
2023 Fraser River sockeye diversion rates through Johnstone Strait

	5-day-average
Diversion rate	65%



2023 Fraser River Pink salmon diversion rates through Johnstone Strait

	5-day-average
Fraser pink salmon	34%



* Pink forecast diversion rate updated from 53% to 62% based upon the DFO forecast received in August

Pink In-season Update August 18, 2023

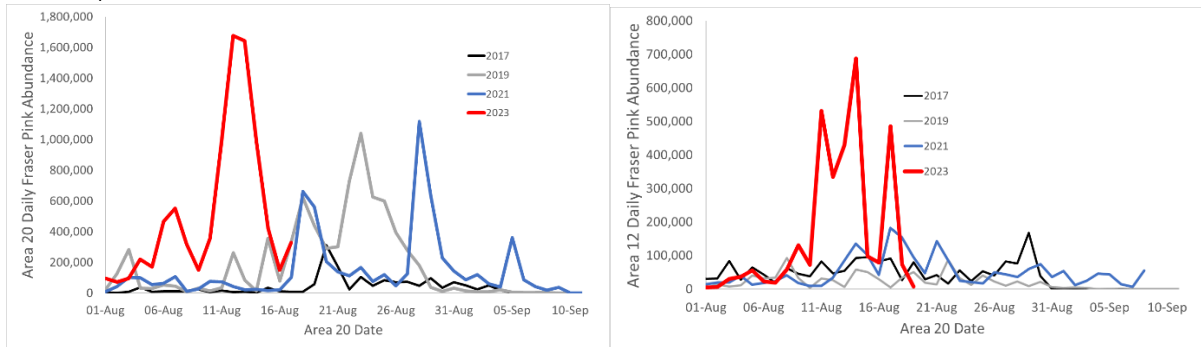
Current Trends

- Expansion line has been reduced from 300 to 150
- While daily expansion lines cannot be evaluated for pink salmon, it is reasonable to assume density dependent effects at high CPUE, similar to those observed for sockeye (i.e. lower catchability associated with high CPUE)
- Low expansion lines were also observed in 1999 (N = 3.6M, EL = 152) and 2013 (N = 15.9M, EL = 138)
- Greatest sources of uncertainty: (1) assumed expansion line, (2) abundance seaward of test fisheries

Daily abundances by Area

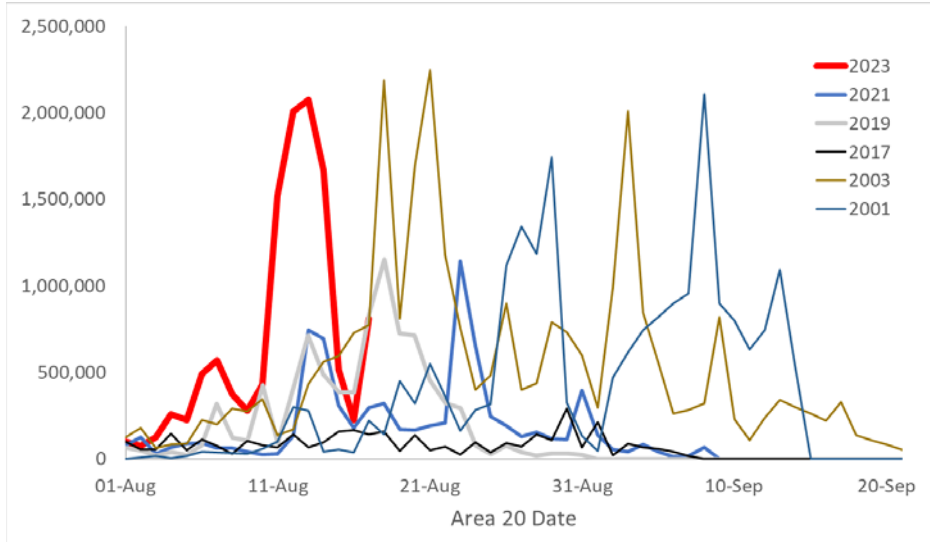
Area 20 expansion line: 450

Area 12 expansion line: 150



Overall run size (for overlapping days only)

2-day assumed offset between Area 12 and Area 20



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Preseason forecasts, inseason estimates, and official estimates of run size and associated timing

	Run Size						Run size components				Run Timing ¹					
	Inseason Adopted	Preseason Forecast	Inseason estimate	Inseason 80% PIs ²		Method	Catch + Escapement	6-day Projection ³	Seaward Abundance	Migration Delay	Inseason Adopted	Preseason Forecast	Inseason estimate	Inseason 80% PIs ²		Method
				10% PI	90% PI									10% PI	90% PI	
Early Stuart Run	41,000	23,000	✓ 41,000	41,000	41,000	Recon	41,000	0	0	0	02-Jul	07-Jul	02-Jul	02-Jul	02-Jul	Recon
Early Summer Run	290,000	186,000	✓ 308,000	300,000	320,000	Sum	296,000	9,000	3,000	0	23-Jul	06-Aug	24-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	Weight
Chilliwack		2,000	✓ 32,000	32,000	32,000	Recon	32,000	0	0	0		20-Jul	05-Jul	05-Jul	05-Jul	Recon
Pitt/Nadina Group ⁴		123,000	✓ 237,000	231,000	246,000	Recon(2)	229,000	6,000	2,000	0		05-Aug	25-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	Recon(2)
Early Thompson ⁵		61,000	● 39,000	37,000	42,000	Recon(2)	35,000	3,000	1,000	0		09-Aug	02-Aug	02-Aug	03-Aug	Recon(2)
Summer Run	NA	1,167,000	◇ 780,000	623,000	975,000	Sum	341,000	213,000	222,000	4,000	NA	17-Aug	13-Aug	11-Aug	15-Aug	Weight
Harrison / Widgeon		51,000	▲ 14,000	9,000	23,000	Model	7,000	1,000	2,000	4,000		12-Aug	30-Jul	27-Jul	03-Aug	Model
Late Stuart / Stellako		196,000	▲ 119,000	92,000	142,000	Recon(2)	75,000	24,000	20,000	0		13-Aug	09-Aug	06-Aug	11-Aug	Recon(2)
Chilko		591,000	◇ 541,000	435,000	681,000	Model	208,000	156,000	177,000	0		17-Aug	15-Aug	13-Aug	17-Aug	Model
Quesnel		319,000	◇ 93,000	78,000	112,000	Model	45,000	28,000	20,000	0		19-Aug	12-Aug	10-Aug	14-Aug	Model
Raft / North Thompson		10,000	◇ 13,000	9,000	17,000	Model	6,000	4,000	3,000	0		23-Aug	10-Aug	07-Aug	13-Aug	Model
Fraser Pink salmon	8,575,000	6,135,000	◇ 17,000,000	15,640,000	34,000,000	CPUE x 150 EL	34,000		16,966,000		18-Aug	25-Aug	13-Aug			Obs. Peak

¹ Run timing refers to the date when 50% of the run migrated past the Area 20 reference point.

² 80% Probability Interval: there exists an 80% chance that the true abundance lies within this interval

³ Normally based on test fishery data. Based on Model if Method = Recon(2).

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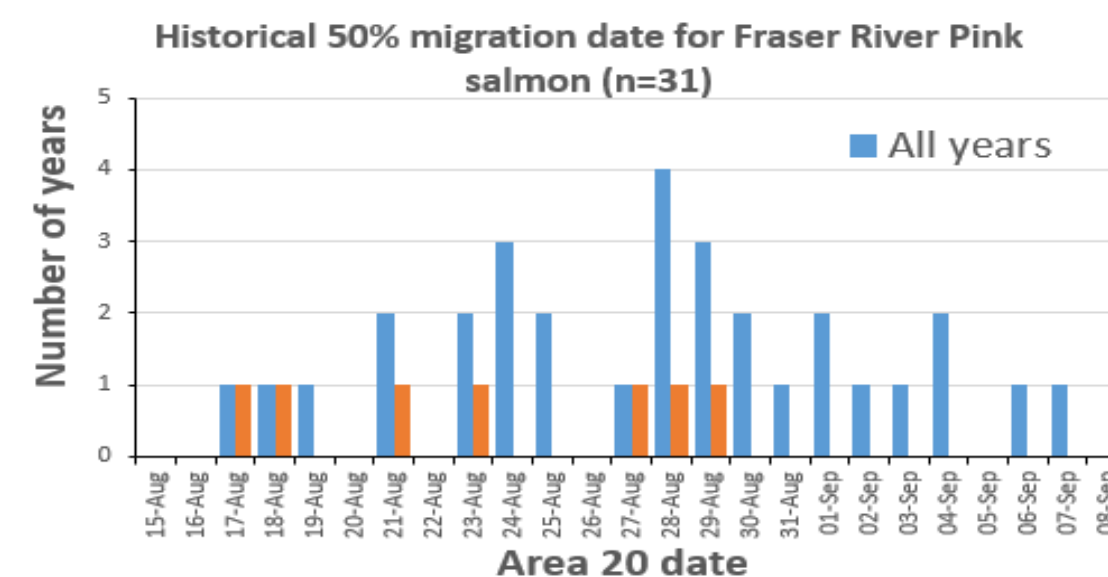
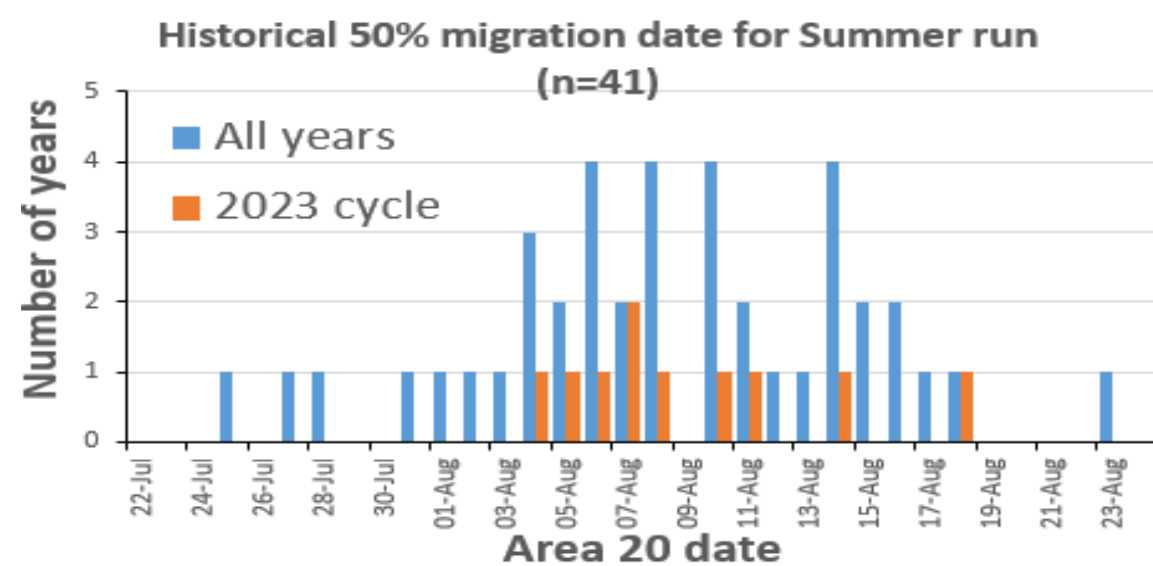
Methods for run size & timing estimation

Model	Run size assessment model (median)
Recon	Catch + escapement + 6-day test fish projection + model seaward projection
Recon(2)	Catch + escapement + model projections
Sum	Sum of individual groups
Weight	Weighted average of individual groups

Run Size Uncertainty Legend[†]

- ✓ ≥ 95% of the run size has been accounted for in catch + escapement. Clear indication of run size; minor run size updates still expected
- ≥ 70% of the run size has been accounted for in catch + escapement. Good indication of run size; peak for the run has been observed at Mission, uncertainty relates to seaward abundance
- ▲ ≥ 50% of the run size has been accounted for in catch + escapement. Decent indication of run size; ≥ 50% confirmed at Mission
- ◇ < 50% of the run size has been accounted for in catch + escapement. Uncertain or early indication of run size based on marine data

[†] The Run Size Uncertainty Indicator is a categorical indication of the degree of uncertainty present in the run size estimate. Estimates are categorized quantitatively based on the proportion of the run that has been accounted for with high certainty in catch + escapement.



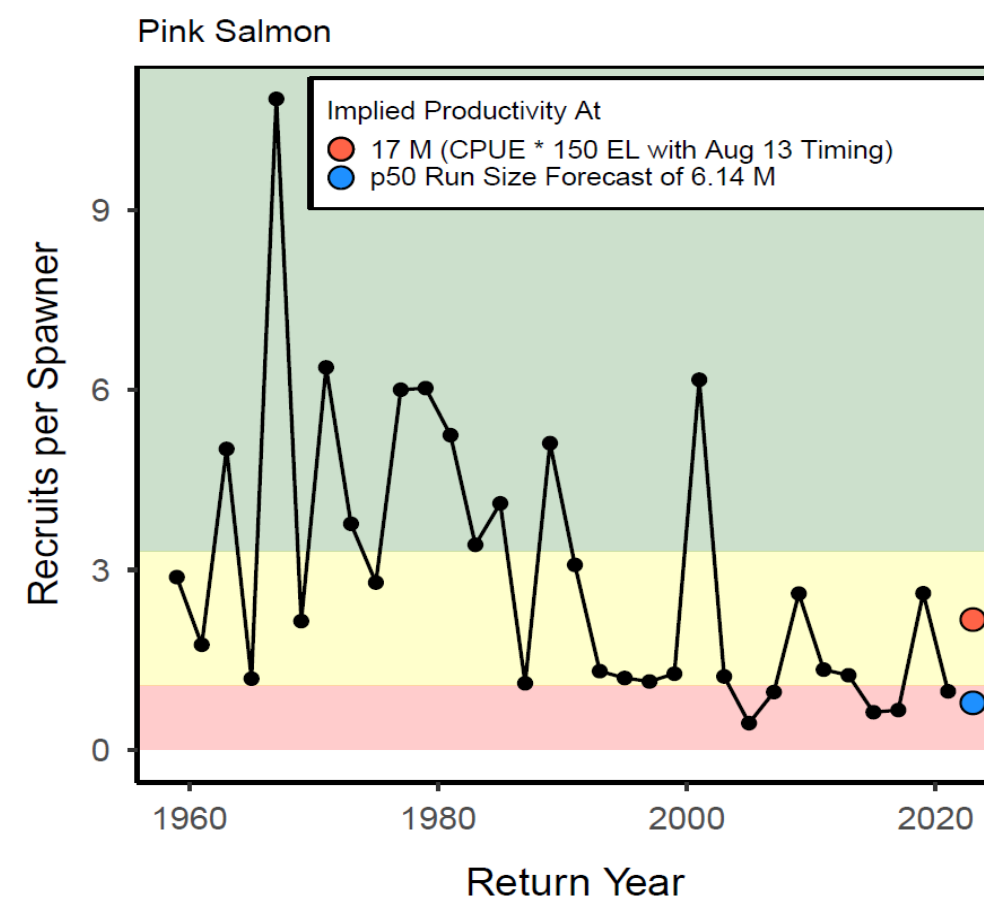
Pink run size based on timing

Catch+Escapement To Date: **34,000**

	Method	Run Size*
Based on timing of 13-Aug	50% Date	17,063,500
Based on timing of 14-Aug	50% Date	20,397,500
Based on timing of 15-Aug	50% Date	21,433,000
Based on timing of 16-Aug	50% Date	21,886,000
Based on timing of 17-Aug	50% Date	23,511,000

*Based on % seaward in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021 if timing is later than 17-Aug

*Equal to double the reconstructed abundance if timing is earlier than 18-Aug



2023 Predicted Fraser River Sockeye Mortality in Area 4B/5 Pink Directed Fisheries

The actual pink salmon catch of proposed fisheries should not exceed the available total allowable catch for pink salmon

Date: 18/08/2023

Predicted catches in Area 4B, 5, 6C

Area 4B/5 date	Daily predicted Fraser pink catch		TRT harvest rate ⁶		Sockeye Release Mortality rate ⁸	Predicted mortality of Sockeye	
	Treaty Tribes		Sockeye	Pink ⁷		Total Treaty Tribes	
						Retention	Non-retention
13-Aug	1,008		0.5%	0.05%	60%	128	77
14-Aug	905		0.5%	0.05%	60%	110	66
15-Aug	443		0.5%	0.05%	60%	91	55
16-Aug	235		0.5%	0.05%	60%	112	67
17-Aug	248		0.5%	0.05%	60%	112	67
18-Aug	275		0.5%	0.05%	60%	108	65
19-Aug	269		0.5%	0.05%	60%	103	62
20-Aug	269		0.5%	0.05%	60%	97	58

Relies on projected abundances

⁶ Assumes fixed daily harvest rate combined over Area 4B/5. TRT effort = 3 gillnets

⁷ Harvest rate of pink salmon is estimated to be 10% of the sockeye harvest rate

⁸ Sockeye release mortality of 60% applied to gillnet releases based on past studies

Predicted abundances in Area 4B, 5, 6C

Area 4B/5 date	Predicted Pink Salmon Abundance ^{1,4,5}		Fraser River Sockeye Salmon ^{2,3,4}				% Sockeye Abundance
	Fraser	Non-Fraser	Total	E. Summers	Summer	Lates	
							S/(S+P)
13-Aug	1,642,489	2,034,311	28,342	1,363	21,521	5,457	0.8%
14-Aug	979,955	1,128,835	24,457	961	18,558	4,938	1.1%
15-Aug	420,777	451,848	20,258	647	15,341	4,269	2.3%
16-Aug	148,337	148,813	24,979	646	18,861	5,472	7.8%
17-Aug	327,442	307,620	24,965	521	18,783	5,662	3.8%
18-Aug	298,852	263,365	24,040	403	18,013	5,625	4.1%
19-Aug	298,852	247,576	22,921	307	17,101	5,514	4.0%
20-Aug	298,852	233,005	21,635	231	16,070	5,333	3.9%

Relies on projected abundances

¹ Assumed travel time for pink salmon from Area 20 to Area 4B/5 is 0 days

² Assumed travel time for sockeye salmon from Area 20 to Area 4B/5 is 0 days

³ Daily abundances are based on a time-density run-size model

⁴ Sockeye and pink salmon abundance for last 3 days is based on a 3-day average of preceding values

⁵ Based on purse seine test fishery projections and an expansion line of 150

Predicted sockeye impacts of net fisheries in Area 4B, 5, 6C

	Treaty Tribes					
	Retention			Non-retention		
	E. Summers	Summer	Lates	E. Summers	Summer	Lates
	6	97	25	4	58	15
	4	84	22	3	50	13
	3	69	19	2	41	12
	3	85	25	2	51	15
	2	85	25	1	51	15
Relies on projected abundances	2	81	25	1	49	15
	1	77	25	1	46	15
	1	72	24	1	43	14

Relies on projected abundances

2023 Predicted Fraser River Sockeye Mortality in Area 7/7A Pink Directed Net Fisheries

The actual pink salmon catch of proposed fisheries should not exceed the available total allowable catch for pink salmon

Date: 18/08/2023

Predicted catches in Area 7/7A

Area 7 date	Purse Seine								Gillnet							
	Daily predicted Fraser pink salmon catch ¹		Pink salmon harvest rate ²		Sockeye Release Mortality rate ³	Predicted mortality of Sockeye ⁵			Daily predicted Fraser pink salmon catch ¹		Pink salmon harvest rate ^{2,7}		Sockeye Release Mortality rate ⁴	Predicted mortality of Sockeye ⁵		
	Treaty Tribes	All Citizen	TRT	AC		Treaty Tribes	All Citizen	Assuming non-retention	Treaty Tribes	All Citizen	TRT ⁶	AC		Treaty Tribes	All Citizen	Assuming non-retention
					Assuming retention	Assuming non-retention	Assuming non-retention					Assuming retention	Assuming non-retention	Assuming non-retention		
18-Aug	300,963	312,818	8%	8%	25%	3,492	873	900	16,083	6,701	0.96%	0.40%	60%	1,676	1,006	617
19-Aug	351,944	365,444	8%	8%	25%	3,812	953	987	15,768	6,570	0.96%	0.40%	60%	1,830	1,098	676
20-Aug	279,311	288,981	8%	8%	25%	3,733	933	967	9,408	3,920	0.96%	0.40%	60%	1,792	1,075	663
21-Aug	151,148	155,981	8%	8%	25%	3,575	894	926	4,039	1,683	0.96%	0.40%	60%	1,716	1,030	635
22-Aug	73,856	75,678	8%	8%	25%	3,390	847	878	1,424	593	0.96%	0.40%	60%	1,627	976	602
23-Aug	39,877	42,161	7%	8%	25%	3,452	863	892	3,143	1,310	0.96%	0.40%	60%	1,657	994	612

Relies on projected abundances

¹ Assumes fishing on 3 days (or blocks) of pink salmon. Does not account for any depletion effects.
² Assumes TRT effort = 10 PS and 24 gillnets; AC effort = 7 PS and 10 gillnets
³ Sockeye release mortality of 25% applied to purse seine catches based on past studies
⁴ Sockeye release mortality of 60% applies to gillnet catches based on past studies
⁵ Assumes Treaty Tribes and All Citizen fisheries will take place on different days
⁶ Based on average annual catchability of pink (harvest rate/vessel) in U.S. Area 67,7a gill net fisheries
⁷ Catchability of sockeye in marine gillnets is approximately 10x the catchability of pink salmon. Independently verified with test fishing data.

Predicted abundances in Area 7/7A

Area 7 date	Predicted Pink Salmon Abundance ¹		Fraser River Sockeye Salmon ^{2,5}				% Sockeye Abundance
	Fraser ³	Non-Fraser ⁴	Total	E. Summers	Summer	Lates	
							S/(S+P)
17-Aug	990,456	1,008,296	24,457	961	18,558	4,938	1%
18-Aug	1,675,342	1,560,450	20,258	647	15,341	4,269	1%
19-Aug	1,642,489	1,405,010	24,979	646	18,861	5,472	1%
20-Aug	979,955	771,500	24,965	521	18,783	5,662	1%
21-Aug	420,777	305,642	24,040	403	18,013	5,625	3%
22-Aug	148,337	99,645	22,921	307	17,101	5,514	8%
23-Aug	327,442	204,092	21,635	231	16,070	5,333	4%

Relies on projected abundances

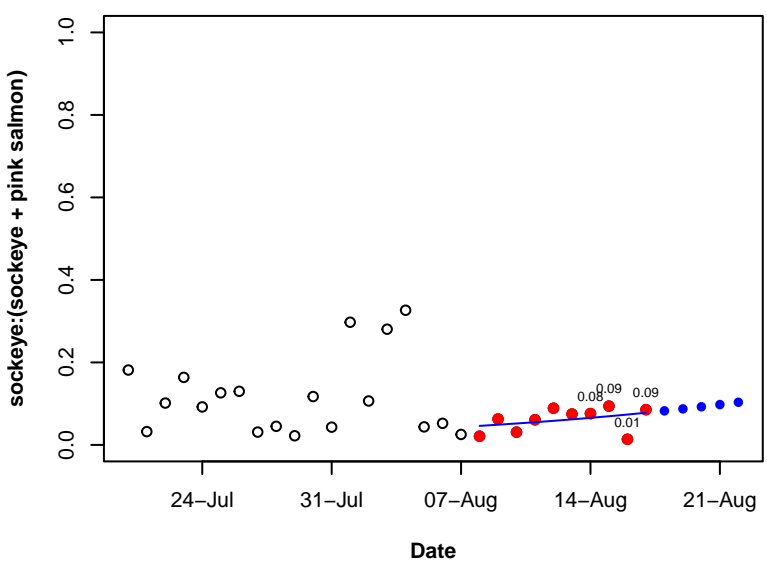
¹ Assumed travel time for pink salmon from Area 20 to Area 7 is 6 days
² Assumed travel time for sockeye salmon from Area 20 to Area 7 is 3 days
³ Based on purse seine test fishery projections and an expansion line of 150
⁴ Based on stock identification projections of non-Fraser pinks in Area 7
⁵ Based on a time-density run-size model

Predicted sockeye impacts of net fisheries in Area 7/7A

Area 7 date	Treaty Tribes						All Citizen		
	Assuming retention			Assuming non-retention			Assuming non-retention		
	Early Summers	Summers	Lates	Early Summers	Summers	Lates	Early Summers	Summers	Lates
17-Aug	196	3,794	1,009	71	1,379	367	58	1,123	299
18-Aug	165	3,913	1,089	60	1,423	396	48	1,148	320
19-Aug	146	4,260	1,236	53	1,548	449	43	1,256	364
20-Aug	115	4,156	1,253	42	1,511	455	34	1,226	370
21-Aug	89	3,964	1,238	32	1,441	450	26	1,170	365
22-Aug	67	3,743	1,207	24	1,361	439	20	1,105	356
23-Aug	55	3,795	1,259	20	1,379	458	16	1,117	371

Relies on projected abundances

Proportion of sockeye in
A12PS TF: 0.1



Proportion of sockeye in
A20PS TF: 0.06

