

Fishery Notice

Category(s):

ABORIGINAL - General Information

COMMERCIAL - Salmon: Gill Net

COMMERCIAL - Salmon: Seine

COMMERCIAL - Salmon: Troll

RECREATIONAL - Salmon

Subject:

FN0428-Conservation Measures for Northern and Southern BC Chinook Salmon and Southern Resident Killer Whales

This notice provides information on planned conservation measures for Northern

and Southern BC Chinook Salmon and Southern Resident Killer Whales that will be

implemented beginning June 1, 2018.

Chinook Conservation Measures

To address Chinook conservation concerns, DFO is implementing a precautionary

25-35% reduction in exploitation rates for Chinook stocks of concern to support

conservation and promote rebuilding. These additional reductions are planned to

address conservation concerns for Nass River, Skeena River and many small wild

Chinook populations in Northern BC; and, all Fraser River Chinook populations

(including Spring 4(2), Spring 5(2), Summer 5(2), Summer 4(1) and Fall 4(1)

populations) in Southern BC.

Additional Northern BC Chinook management measures are outlined below, followed

by additional Southern BC Chinook management measures.

Northern Commercial Fisheries

Area F Troll - opening of AABM Chinook fishery delay to July 10 in addition to boundary changes. Refer to the subsequent Fishery Notice for details.

Northern Recreational Fisheries

Please note that possession limits for Chinook Salmon are twice the daily limit.

The recreational daily limits of Chinook Salmon are being reduced in North

Coast tidal waters as follows:

Haida Gwaii:

Effective June 1, 2018 to July 9, 2018, the daily limit is one (1) Chinook per

day in Areas 1, 2, 142, and that portion of Area 101 west of 131 degrees 40.0

minutes West longitude

North Coast:

Effective June 1, 2018 to June 15, 2018, the daily limit is one (1) Chinook per

day in Areas 3 to 5, 103 to 105, Subarea 102-1, and that portion of Area 101

east of 131 degrees 40.0 minutes West longitude

Effective June 16, 2018 to July 9, 2018, there is zero (0) retention of Chinook

Salmon in Areas 3 to 5, 103 to 105, Subarea 102-1, and that portion of Area 101

east of 131 degrees 40.0 minutes West longitude

Effective July 10, 2018 to July 31, 2018, the daily limit is one (1) Chinook

per day in Areas 3 to 5, 103 to 105, Subarea 102-1, and that portion of Area

101 east of 131 degrees 40.0 minutes West longitude

Effective June 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018 the daily limit is one (1) Chinook per

day in Areas 6 and 106

Variation Order Number: 2018-RFQ-0307

Management measures for northern BC non-tidal waters were previously announced

in FN0372 issued May 8, 2018.

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Category(s):

RECREATIONAL - Salmon

Subject:

FN0372-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - North Coast - Region 6 - Non-tidal Waters - Salmon Close Time and Chinook Quotas - Effective Immediately

Effective immediately recreational salmon fishing in the entire Skeena River

Watershed is closed until further notice.

Effective immediately recreational chinook fishing in the entire Nass River

Watershed is closed until further notice.

Effective immediately there is no retention of Chinook salmon in all rivers

draining into Pacific Fishery Management Areas 1 to 6 until further notice.

Variation Orders #2018-rfq-272, 2018-rfq-273, 2018-rfq-274, 2018-rfc-275, 2018-rfc-276

Recreational harvesting opportunities for Skeena Coho and Pink salmon may occur

at a later date and will be announced by Fishery Notice.

Please refer to the on-line BC Sport Fishing Guide and future Fishery Notices,

for details on confirmed opening dates, times and other restrictions.

<http://bcSPORTfishguide.ca>

Notes:

Did you witness suspicious fishing activity or a violation? If so, please call

the Fisheries and Ocean Canada 24-hour toll free Observe, Record, Report line

at (800) 465-4336 or the British Columbia's toll-free RAPP line (Report All

Poachers and Polluters) at 1-877-952-RAPP (7277).

For the 24 hour recorded opening and closure line, call toll free at
1-(866)431-FISH (3474).

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