



F.V.A.F.S

**Fraser
Valley
Aboriginal
Fisheries
Society**



Fraser Valley Aboriginal Fisheries Society

- **Fraser Valley Aboriginal Fisheries Society is a monitoring program. We work closely with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.**
- **We at F.V.A.F.S monitor fisheries from The Portmann bridge to Sawmill Creek.**
- **There are approximately 18 - 20 sites, between The Portmann Bridge to Sawmill Creek.**
- **These fisheries offer FN members seasonal employment in the neighboring communities all along The Fraser River through out the year.**

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STAFF



Dale Joe - Executive Director

- **Works closely with Bruce in finance as well as DFO.**
- **Oversees Supervisors and monitors.**

Ron Williams - Senior Supervisor

- **Sites area is Portmann Bridge – Mission Bridge**
- **Supervision over the catch monitors, collecting and reviewing data sheets, and forwarding to the manager and D.F.O**
- **Overflights**
- **Boat Operator**

Shannon Joe - Supervisor

- **Site area is Mission Bridge – Agassiz Bridge**
- **Supervision over the catch monitors, collecting and reviewing data sheets, and forwarding to the manager and D.F.O**
- **Overflights**
- **Issues Designations cards**

Dallas Fillardeau - Supervisor

- **Sites area located Agassiz Bridge – Sawmill Creek**
- **Supervision over the catch monitors, collecting and reviewing data sheets, and forwarding to the manager and D.F.O**
- **Boat operator**
- **Overflights**
- **Issues Designation cards**



Serena Williams – Receptionist

- **Answers Phones**
- **Issues designation cards**

Carries out office duties

**Brandy Bearhead – Coded Wire Tag
Monitor**



- **Staff take direction from our Executive Director. F.V.A.F.S also employs multiple first nations in the neighboring communities through out the year all along The Fraser.**





Board Of Directors

- **Board Of Directors**
consists of
 - **Ken Malloway**
(President)
 - **Kevin Garner**
 - **Ron John**
 - **Ernie Crey**
 - **Saul Milne**

Eulachon

Method used: Eulachon Net, Dip Net, Cast Seine. Eulachon are in The Fraser for a few weeks between April and May. Katzie, Kwantlen and Sumas First Nation fish for eulachon.



Chinook

**Fishing Method used: Gill net.
Chinook return to the Fraser
between April – September but
with Stock concerns/declining
numbers Sto:lo Fisherman fish for
chinook more in the summer
months up to the window closure.**



Sockeye



Fishing Method used: Gill net is usually the method of choice for Sockeye. Sockeye are in The Fraser starting May – October, with a peak usually in summer months August/September. With low numbers in return, Sto:lo fisherman have been trying to conserve and do not get opportunity to harvest.

Pink

Fishing method used: Through out the years, the method used typically would be Beach Seine. Fishing for pink salmon happens every two years and they arrive in the river mid/late August and run the first few weeks of September. There is possibility of Economic Opportunity depending on the run size.

Chum

Fishing method used: The method used is Gill net (set or drift) or beach seine. Sto:lo Fisherman fish for chum in the fall (Late October - December). In the event of economic opportunity beach seine would likely be the method of choice. This fishery takes place after the coho and steelhead window closure. Also there is possibility of Economic Opportunity depending on the run size.



Through out the year we monitor many different types of fisheries.

- **Beach Seine**
- **Dry Rack**
- **Rod Count in the Canal**
- **Dipnet**
- **Gill Net (Set/Drift)**
- **Monitor the tributary fisheries in the Canal/Chilliwack Lake**