# Fraser Chinook Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Information Package

This summary was developed with the intent to be used to inform discussions of draft options for the 2025 Fraser Chinook fishery management regarding the Summer 5<sub>2</sub> stock management unit. These are summaries from the Fraser Salmon Management Board Joint Technical Committee on the best available information, uncertainties or data deficiencies, and current understanding of important aspects of fishery management.

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### 1. Escapement data, trends, and conservation status

 All six Designatable Units (DUs) within the Summer 5<sub>2</sub> SMU have been assessed as Data Deficient, Red, or Amber by Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Wild Salmon Policy and as Threatened or Endangered by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) (Table 1).

Table 1. A list of Conservation Units (CUs) within the Fraser Summer  $5_2$  Chinook Stock Management Unit (SMU) with corresponding Designatable Units (DUs) and statuses from the most recent status assessment processes. Maps showing CU locations and status are in <u>Appendix A</u>.CWT = Coded-Wire Tag.

| CU name                                  | CWT<br>indicator | CU    | DU   | WSP Integrated<br>Assessment (2016) | COSEWIC<br>(2018/2020) |
|--|------------------|-------|------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Lower Fraser -<br>Upper Pitt SU 1.3      | None             | CK-05 | DU4  | DATA DEFICIENT                      | Endangered             |
| Lower Fraser River<br>SU 1.3             | None             | CK-06 | DU5  | DATA DEFICIENT                      | Threatened             |
| Middle Fraser<br>River-Portage FA<br>1.3 | None             | CK-09 | DU8  | RED                                 | Endangered             |
| Middle Fraser<br>SU 1.3                  | Chilko River     | CK-11 | DU10 | AMBER                               | Threatened             |
| South Thompson<br>SU 1.3                 | None             | CK-14 | DU13 | RED/AMBER                           | Endangered             |
| North Thompson<br>SU 1.3                 | None             | CK-19 | DU17 | RED                                 | Endangered             |

- Based on the Fraser Chinook run reconstruction, escapement of the Summer 5₂ SMU generally increased until 2003, then declined relatively rapidly, reaching a minimum of 8,996 estimated individuals in 2019. Since 2019 spawner abundance has increased, reaching 38,931 estimated individuals in 2022 (Figure 1).
- The index of total escapement for Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook from 2019-2023 appears to be increasing compared to the base period 2014-2018.
  - The escapement of component stocks of Summer 5<sub>2</sub> are not consistently trending with the SMU (Figure 2). For 2019-2023, the increases to estimated SMU escapement are driven by 4 component escapement inputs: Chilko, Chilliwack Summer (hatchery stock), Clearwater, and North Thompson. For the remaining 22 stocks, they are either maintaining similar escapement or decreasing compared to the 2014-2018 base period average reported in the Run Reconstruction (see <u>Appendix D</u>. The available habitat for each DU can differ immensely, which is reflected in the differences in relative escapement shown in Figure 2.

- Domestic fishery management changes in 2019-2023 may be a contributing factor to the
  observed changes in escapement. Natural variability, measurement error (catch and
  escapement inputs) and uncertainties present in the assessment tools (Fishery Mortality Index
  [FMI] methods and Run Reconstruction) could be confounding both the inputs (escapement,
  catch by species, genetic stock identification [GSI], release estimates) and the outputs (catch
  by stock, mortality by stock, run size) related to the FMIs that are being reviewed.
- Future marine conditions are uncertain, and variability in environmental conditions is expected to increase. More extremes in variability are expected in all environmental conditions in the short term. In the long term we expect a degrading trend in favorable environmental conditions for Fraser salmon as climate change progresses. Variations in salmon marine survival are affected by both freshwater and ocean conditions.
  - In addition to large scale environmental changes, the Chilko River Fraser Summer 5<sub>2</sub>
     CU was impacted by the 2019 Big Bar slide. The 2024 Tŝilhqox Slide (Chilcotin River) further impacted Chilko River Summer 5<sub>2</sub> CU which were previously impacted by the Big Bar slide. The Tŝilhqox Slide may remain active until the area stabilizes, which could take years. The extent and duration of these impacts on Chinook are still under investigation, and are examples of additional environmental impacts influenced by climate change.

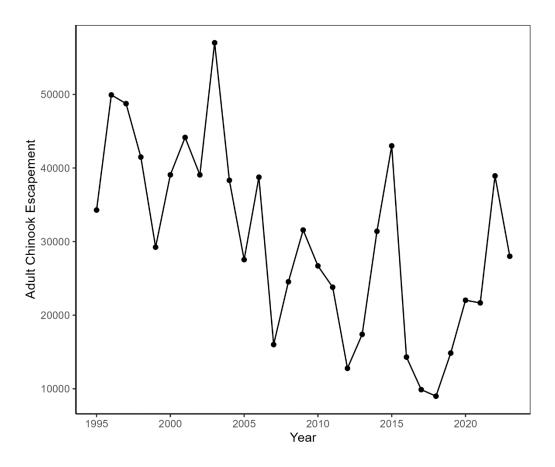


Figure 1. Time series of escapement for Fraser Summer  $5_2$  Chinook, 1995-2023. Based on Fraser Chinook Run Reconstruction outputs from March 2024. Note that the actual number of salmon that successfully spawn does not necessarily equal the escapement estimate.

- The recent Recovery Potential Assessment (RPA) completed in 2020 (Doutaz et al. 2021) for Fraser Chinook identified survival and recovery targets for each of the Summer 5<sub>2</sub> DUs (Table 2). A DU that reaches survival or recovery targets does not necessarily correspond with a change in the COSEWIC or WSP status of the DU, but these targets can provide guidance for fisheries management actions. Other factors are also considered as part of recovery (e.g., run size, expansion of distribution, productivity metrics, genetic diversity, and threat mitigation).
  - Additional science and technical advice lead by DFO Science is being reviewed through the Canadian Scientific Advisory Secretariat process, which should provide a Fisheries Science Advisory Report (FSAR) that updates stock status of Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook. This work should be finalized in 2025. Terms of reference can be viewed here: https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/csas-sccs/Schedule-Horraire/2024/04\_29-05\_03deng.html

Table 2. Survival and recovery targets for each of the Summer  $5_2$  Designatable Units (DUs) and recent escapement trends for each.

|                      |                 |                        | Escape    | ement  |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Designatable Unit    | Survival Target | <b>Recovery Target</b> | 2019-2023 | 2023   |
|                      | (COSEWIC)       | (COSEWIC/WSP)          | Average   |        |
| DU4 (LFR-Upper Pitt) | 1,000           | 1,000                  | 46        | 69     |
| DU5 (LFR-Summer)     | 1,000           | 1,285                  | 50        | 82     |
| DU8 (MFR-Portage)    | 1,000           | 1,358                  | 78        | 118    |
| DU10 (MFR-Summer)    | 5,878           | 25,260                 | 11,138    | 13,268 |
| DU13                 | 1,326           | 5,257                  | 1,494     | 1,180  |
| (STh-Stream-Summer)  |                 |                        |           |        |
| DU17 (NTh-Summer)    | 1,824           | 7,773                  | 3,929     | 4,593  |

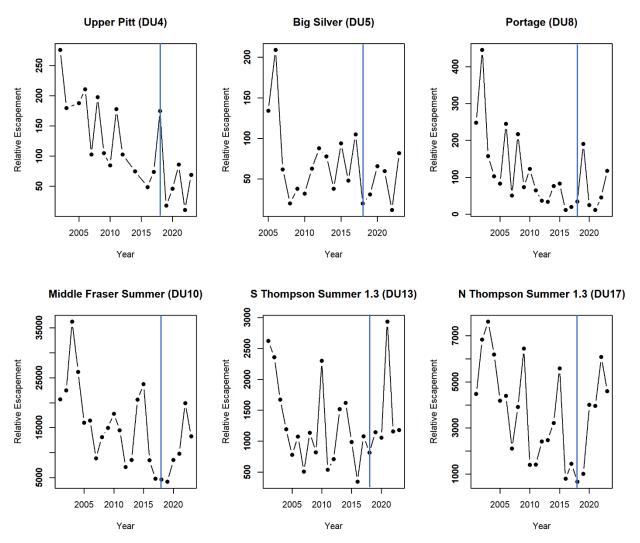


Figure 2. Time series of relative escapement for Fraser Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook Designatable Units (DUs), 2002-2023. Blue lines delineate the two FMI review periods, pre-2018 and 2019-2023. Note the Y-axis scales are different among the DUs to enhance the visual interpretation of trends.

- Escapement survey methods for Summer 52 are focused on mark-recapture and visual surveys. Since 2010 the escapement estimation methods on average are: 37% mark-recapture, 8% high effort visual survey (5+ surveys), 40% moderate effort visual survey (1-4 surveys), 7% infilled or opportunistic and 7% hatchery count. Mark-recapture and high-effort visual survey (fence/fishway) methods provide total population estimates that are generally considered reasonably precise; however, there is uncertainty in the estimates that are not propagated through the run reconstruction/FMI process.
- Escapement infilling is a routine part of the annual stock assessment process for Summer 5<sub>2</sub> component stocks, and done when escapement estimates from individual streams are unavailable. The amount of infilling varies depending on the year. For Summer 5<sub>2</sub>, since 2002 an average of 17% (range 4%-40%) of the streams had escapements infilled, and 15% (range

0.2%-31%) of total escapement was infilled. Some of the initial infilling procedures are documented in English et al. 2007, but not most of those used in recent years.

### 2. Fishery Mortality Index outputs and trends

- The Fishery Mortality Index combines mortality data from the Fraser River Chinook run reconstruction model with GSI applied to catch estimates from marine mixed-stock fisheries. The basis of the FMI method (described in Dobson et al. 2020) is an alternative method for attributing impacts to the Chinook Technical Committee's Exploitation Rate Analysis (CTC ERA). The CTC ERA based on CWTs of Summer 5<sub>2</sub> SMU is currently not available.
  - The coded-wire tag (CWT) indicator stock program in place for Fraser Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook is still in development (Chilko River) and not available for this review, so the annual data available that accounts for most Canadian Chinook fishery impacts is the FMI.
- Data inputs to the analysis (FMI and Run Reconstruction) include escapement estimates (some infilled), kept catch, legal-size released catch mortalities (in Southern BC recreational fisheries), and GSI sample results from marine mixed-stock fisheries. Fishery catch data not currently included in the analysis due to data limitations are: US fisheries, North and Central Coast Individual Stock Based Management fisheries, and inside marine Southern BC First Nations FSC fisheries.
  - Additional details on the methodology and uncertainties are documented in a technical memo (DFO 2023). Note that the values presented in Table 3 will differ from those in the technical memo because updated information has since become available and corrections to errors were made. These will be documented in a Technical Report expected to be available in spring of 2025.
- The Fishery Mortality Index appears to have decreased in 2019-2023 compared to the base period 2014-2018 (Table 3).
- Mean run size index from 2014-2018 was 28,667 and 2019-2023 was 28,821 (absolute change +154).
- High variability in escapement and run size has been observed in the past 3 cycles (Figure 3). 2015 and 2022 run sizes were relatively strong, contrasted with poor run sizes in 2012-2013 and 2016-2018).
- Based on the RPA recovery targets and the escapement and run size estimates of many Summer 5<sub>2</sub> SMU component stocks, the JTC does not recommend changing the overall fishery management objectives, which are intended to prioritize conservation and recovery.

Table 3. Summary Fishery Mortality Indices (FMIs) for the Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook SMU. Refer to Known Uncertainties section of the Fraser Chinook Fishery Mortality Index Summary, 2014 - 2022 memo, which details sources of uncertainty and analysis assumptions that affect mortality estimates.

|                                      | AVERAGE<br>2014-2018 | 2019         | 2020         | 2021   | 2022   | 2023   | AVERAGE<br>2019-2023 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| RECREATIONAL                         |                      |              |              |        |        |        |                      |
| In-river                             | 2.5%                 | 1.7%         | 2.3%         | 1.7%   | 1.3%   | 1.6%   | 1.7%                 |
| Marine                               | 8.7%                 | 8.5%         | 2.3%         | 5.4%   | 3.4%   | 4.8%   | 4.5%                 |
| Total                                | 11.2%                | 10.1%        | 4.7%         | 7.1%   | 4.8%   | 6.5%   | 6.2%                 |
| COMMERCIAL/EO                        |                      |              |              |        |        |        |                      |
| In-river                             | 0.4%                 | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%                 |
| Marine                               | 4.2%                 | 0.7%         | 0.1%         | 0.4%   | 0.3%   | 0.3%   | 0.3%                 |
| Total                                | 4.6%                 | <b>0.7</b> % | 0.1%         | 0.4%   | 0.3%   | 0.3%   | 0.3%                 |
| TEST                                 |                      |              |              |        |        |        |                      |
| In-river                             | 1.0%                 | 0.9%         | 1.2%         | 1.4%   | 0.9%   | 1.0%   | 1.1%                 |
| Marine                               | 0.0%                 | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%                 |
| Total                                | 1.0%                 | <b>0.9</b> % | 1.2%         | 1.4%   | 0.9%   | 1.0%   | 1.1%                 |
| FIRST NATIONS                        |                      |              |              |        |        |        |                      |
| In-river                             | 7.1%                 | 6.2%         | 7.0%         | 5.0%   | 4.7%   | 2.3%   | 4.8%                 |
| Marine                               | 1.0%                 | 0.7%         | 0.0%         | 0.7%   | 0.3%   | 0.7%   | 0.5%                 |
| Total                                | 8.1%                 | <b>6.9</b> % | <b>7.0</b> % | 5.6%   | 5.1%   | 3.0%   | 5.3%                 |
| Total CDN Fishing<br>Mortality Index | 24.9%                | 18.6%        | 13.0%        | 14.6%  | 11.0%  | 10.9%  | 12.9%                |
| Run Size Index                       | 28,667               | 18,255       | 25,312       | 25,370 | 43,740 | 31,426 | 28,821               |
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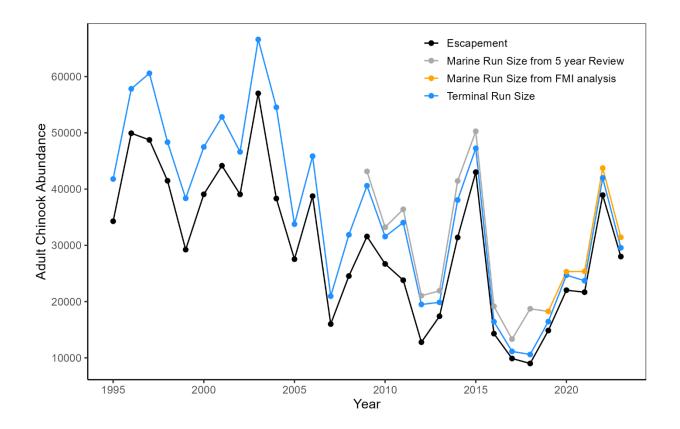


Figure 3. Escapement and run size (escapement plus fishery removals) of Summer  $5_2$  Chinook, 1995-2023. Based on Fraser Chinook Run Reconstruction outputs from March 2024 (escapement and terminal run size at the Fraser River mouth), back-calculated from exploitation rate indices (marine run size 2008-2018, Dobson et al. 2020), and Fishery Mortality Index analysis run size estimates (marine run size 2019-2023). Note that the actual number of salmon that successfully spawn does not necessarily equal the escapement estimate.

### 2.1 First Nations Fisheries (FSC)

- FMI in First Nations FSC fisheries averaged 8.1% from 2014-2018 and 5.3% (range 3.0% 7.0%) from 2019-2023, for a reduction of the average between periods of 2.8% (32% of the base period).
- Proportion of all mortality on Summer 5<sub>2</sub> has varied annually, averaging 33% from 2014-2018 and 41% (range 28% 54%) from 2019-2023.
- Marine catch information has been included where available, but data for some fisheries are unavailable. Without biological samples from marine First Nations fisheries, there is uncertainty introduced when using approximations (i.e. proxies) from neighboring fisheries.
- First Nations catch monitoring records serve as inputs for in-river FSC catch in the FMI methods. Stock composition assumptions of First Nations catch in-river are based on aggregated assumed run timings, some of which are based on genetic analysis of Chinook encountered at the Albion test fishery.
- The Five Nations rights-based sales fishery is included in this section, but could not be separated from other First Nations marine fisheries for this distribution. This is intended to be completed for a future iteration of the FMI analysis.

### 2.2 Recreational Fisheries

- FMI in Recreational fisheries averaged 11.2% from 2014-2018 and 6.2% (range 4.7% 10.1%) from 2019-2023, for a reduction of the averages between periods of 5.0% (41% of the base period).
  - In-river Recreational FMI from 2019-2023 is from tributary fisheries for Chehalis and Chilliwack Chinook; no other in-river recreational fisheries were licenced for Summer 5<sub>2</sub> SMU stocks during that period.
  - The Summer 5<sub>2</sub> FMI for Recreational fisheries includes marine, in-river Fraser mainstem and tributary fisheries. One of the input tributary fisheries is the Chilliwack river recreational fishery targeting Chilliwack hatchery Chinook; more details on the Chilliwack fishery input are included in section 4.
- The proportion of all mortality on Summer 5<sub>2</sub> due to recreational fishing varies annually, averaging 45% from 2014-2018 and 48% (range 36% 59%) from 2019-2023.
- On average from 2019-2023, 86% of the estimated impacts in the Southern BC recreational fisheries were attributed to kept legal-sized catch. There is a noticeable difference compared to the base period 2014-2018 (96%); however, overall legal-sized mortalities also appear to have been reduced.
  - In recent years, sub-legal fish make up a large proportion of the released Chinook.
     Since 2019, over 60% of released Chinook are sub-legal fish. 2021 (79%), 2022 (77%), and 2023 (69%). These impacts are not currently included in the FMI analysis due to a lack of stock composition information for sub-legal catch.

### 2.3 Commercial Fisheries

- Since 2019, commercial fisheries impact has been reduced substantially.
- FMI in Commercial fisheries averaged 4.6% from 2014-2018 and 0.4% (range 0.1% 0.4%) from 2019-2023, for a reduction of the average between periods of 4.2% (92% of the base period).
- The proportion of all mortality on Summer  $5_2$  has remained low since 2019, averaging 19% from 2014-2018 and 3% (range 0% 4%) from 2019-2023.
- The Area G springtime (April/May) inshore demonstration fishery (which extends to 1 nautical mile beyond the surf line) is new since 2023. The previous springtime fishery was closed from 2019-2022 as part of the fishery restrictions to reduce impacts to Fraser Chinook stocks of concern. Previously the fishery operated predominantly offshore, but the new demo for 2023 was designed to occur only inshore in PFMAs 23 to 27. Results from the stock composition sampling program identified traces of Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook (<1 encounter, uncertainty in GSI results). The sampling rate was 40% in 2023; further work is needed to determine how much sampling is required to detect Fraser stocks of concern with confidence and to estimate their proportion of the catch. The 2024 genetic results are not yet available, but the full demo allocation (3,000 pieces) was caught in 2024, unlike the 2023 fishery (1,363 pieces).

### 2.4 Test Fisheries

- Test fisheries typically account for about 0.9% to 1.4% of the total FMI percentage points annually. The average FMI from the test fisheries is 1.0% from 2014-2018 and 1.1% from 2019-2023. No changes were implemented to the test fishery programs as part of the 2019 Chinook management changes.
- The majority of these impacts occur in the Albion test fishery within the Fraser River, which is targeting Chinook, with the remaining impact coming from Fraser Panel Sockeye test fisheries in the Fraser River (Whonnock, Cottonwood and Brownsville Bar gillnet test fisheries) and a very small amount (<10 fish annually) from Johnstone Strait and Strait of Juan de Fuca test fisheries.
- Data collected from test fisheries provide a consistent time series that can support technical processes to inform fishery management if alternative management plans are developed. Additional benefits include being an important collection source for CWT data and bio-samples for GSI analyses that can serve to estimate escapement in terminal systems and calibrate the RR procedure. At this time, based on the multitude of useful information collected, we do not recommend prioritizing changes to test fisheries to meet management objectives.

### 3. Reference fishery and marine GSI results

- The reference fishery program initiated in 2023 (DFO 2024) is a survey using recreational fishing gear and sampling all encountered Chinook to gain a better understanding of the marine recreational fishery, in particular to improve sampling rates on released salmon and collect data to assess the impact of the Chinook-directed MSFs. In its first year the reference fishery operated a total of 153 boat days across four MSF areas. The reference fishery sampled a total of 1,084 Chinook (318 legal size and 766 sub-legal size). Three legal and six sub-legal samples were identified to the Fraser Summer 5<sub>2</sub> SMU in 3 MSF areas.
- Marine GSI samples from the recreational fishery have been routinely obtained by the DFO scientific programs conducted by non-government organizations (e.g., University of BC), citizen scientists (including Avid Angler program), and lodge guides. The stock composition estimates derived from analyzing these samples are used as inputs for the FMI process.
- Commercial fishery GSI samples used for the FMI analysis are collected as part of the routine catch monitoring program (primarily dockside).
- The 2023 reference fishery (DFO 2024) and GSI samples from marine fisheries (recreational and commercial) since 2015 indicate widespread presence of Fraser Summer 5<sub>2</sub> in most/all marine Chinook-directed salmon fisheries. Trends in stock proportion between regions or areas are hard to identify with the available data (due to sample size and relative abundances), but there does appear to be a greater proportion of Summer 5<sub>2</sub> in marine areas in Southern BC than Northern BC.
- Due to their widespread presence, there will likely be impacts identified to every marine Chinook fishery operating during the Summer 5<sub>2</sub> migratory period (and potentially outside the migratory period). Fishery management changes should prioritize actions on fisheries with the largest impacts, including those with relatively large releases of sub-legal sized salmon.

# 4. Chilliwack Summer Hatchery Influence

- The Chilliwack Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook are a component of the Summer 5<sub>2</sub> SMU and primarily hatchery-origin salmon, although some natural production has been identified. The Summer run component of the hatchery enhancement began in 1985 for recreational fishery access and is ongoing. Broodstock was taken from Upper Fraser stocks (from component stocks in the Spring 5<sub>2</sub> and Summer 5<sub>2</sub>SMU) to seed this hatchery production, and they continue to be used.
- The recreational catch attributed to the Chilliwack River fishery is produced from a harvest rate estimated in Schubert 1992. Since then the estimated 11.99% exploitation rate (ER) has been used in the Fraser Chinook Run Reconstruction model. Consequently, this implies a fixed correlation between hatchery escapement (the only metric used to monitor Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chilliwack Chinook) and the recreational fishery ER. There are no catch monitoring programs in place to monitor the recreational fishery on the Chilliwack River for Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook.
  - Actual reported catch from interviews was 15 Chinook during the study. Estimated catch was expanded to 117 Chinook for the entire Summer Chilliwack Chinook fishery in the study period.
  - The proportion of Chilliwack Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook comprising the total Summer 5<sub>2</sub> FMI in the marine fisheries cannot be determined at this time. For the FMI analysis, Chilliwack Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook could not be genetically distinguished from Upper Fraser wild Chinook because Upper Fraser broodstock were originally used to establish the Chilliwack hatchery stock. This issue is being investigated further and may be resolved in the near future through improved genetic techniques, Parental-Based Tagging, and/or new CWT programs.
- Given the uncertainty in the available data and many instances of missing information, we do not have the information to distinguish the Chilliwack Summer 5<sub>2</sub> component of impacts from the total impacts to the Summer 5<sub>2</sub> MU in the FMI analysis.
  - $\circ$  FMI on the other 5 CUs that comprise Summer 5<sub>2</sub> wild stocks are unlikely subject to tributary fishery impacts that target Chilliwack hatchery Chinook.
- Other hatchery operations (Chehalis River) that produce Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook and have directed fisheries in tributary access streams further compound the issues identified with the FMI method and the Chilliwack hatchery production of Summer 5<sub>2</sub>.

# 5. Mark-Selective Fishery (MSF) information

- Post-season data summaries for Chinook MSFs are available for 2021 and 2022. The 2023 results are pending. It is difficult to fully assess the impacts of the MSF implementation on Summer 5<sub>2</sub> for 2021 and 2022.
  - 764 GSI samples were taken in 2021. Area 13 and 15 (n = 689), Area 16 (n = 59), Area 20 (n = 10) and Area 12 (n = 7).
  - 502 GSI samples were taken in 2022. Area 13 and 15 (n = 448), Area 16 (n = 40), Area 20 (n = 14) and Area 12 (n = 0).
  - $_{\odot}$  Summer  $5_2$  SMU samples were detected in the 2021-2022 MSF catch monitoring program.
  - Concerns with fishery monitoring and robust catch sampling of the MSF resulted in the development of the Reference Fishery program, which was implemented in 2023 and 2024.

- The MSFs in PFMAs 12 (Broughton Archipelago), 13 (Bute Inlet/Ramsay Arm), 15 (Homfray Channel/Toba Inlet), 16 (Sechelt/Jervis inlets), 17 to 19 (Gulf Islands/Saanich Inlet), 19 (Haro Strait), and 20-5 (Beecher Bay), are new fisheries since the 2019 Chinook management actions were implemented.
- The MSF results for 2021-2022 show Fraser Chinook SoC are present in the fisheries in PFMAs 13, 15, and 20-5 (21 Spring 4<sub>2</sub> and 13 Summer 5<sub>2</sub> mortalities estimated across these areas). Given the low abundance of Fraser SoC (including Summer 5<sub>2</sub>) compared to the other stocks in the fishery and high uncertainty in estimated impacts on Summer 5<sub>2</sub>, even more precautionary management actions should be considered in all fishing areas where SoC are encountered.
- Rationale for approving some of the MSFs included the assumption that the fishing areas were off the main migratory route of Fraser Chinook SoC, though it has not been verified whether stock composition in those areas is different than in assumed migratory route areas. It is well-known that Chinook don't follow a consistent migratory path and may hold or travel through other peripheral areas before reaching the Fraser River.

# 6. Creel survey trends

• From the months of May to September, during periods of Summer 5<sub>2</sub> migration, the total number of Chinook kept in Southern BC recreational fisheries in recent years was lower than pre-2019 levels, but even with a hypothesized 20% mortality applied to released fish, the total mortalities exceeded pre-2019 levels. See

- <u>Appendix C.</u> for a summary of 2014-2023 South Coast Creel survey Chinook catch results.
- A finer look at Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook FMI in Southern BC recreational fisheries by Pacific Fishery Management Area (PFMA) groupings (Table 4) shows that the greatest impacts occur in northern Strait of Georgia (nGST) PFMAs 13 to 16 and eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca (JDFeast) PFMAs 19 to 20. These impacts primarily occurred in July and August, though the magnitude of the impacts appears to have decreased since the base period.
- According to creel survey results presented in Appendix C and summarized in Table 4 below, the total number of Chinook kept in June through August in nGST PFMAs 13 to 16 and Juan de Fuca East (PFMAs 19cde, 20cd) declined slightly from the period of 2019-2024 compared to the base period (2014-2018).
- However, the total Chinook released (both legal and sub-legal) in these areas increased substantially from 2019-2024 compared to the base period.

Table 4. BC Recreational Fishery Mortality Index for Summer  $5_2$  Chinook by broad coastal fishing area, 2014-2023. Central Coast recreational fisheries are assumed terminal, meaning they are assumed to not impact Fraser Chinook. PFMA = Pacific Fishery Management Area.

| Fishing Area  | PFMA                            | 2014-2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| North Coast   | 1 to 5                          | 1.1%      | 2.3% | 0.0% | 1.6% | 1.5% | 1.1% |
| Central Coast | 6 to 10                         | 0.0%      | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| South Coast   | 11 to 29,<br>111, 121 to<br>127 | 7.7%      | 6.2% | 2.3% | 3.7% | 1.9% | 3.8% |
| Total         |                                 | 8.8%      | 8.5% | 2.3% | 5.3% | 3.4% | 4.9% |

Table 5. Summary of creel survey data presented in Appendix C for Fishing Areas with the highest impact, as measured with FMI.

| Fishing Area    | PFMA/creel  | Disposition     | 2014-2018            | 2019-2024            |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                 | subareas    |                 | (June, July, August) | (June, July, August) |
| Northern Strait | 13 to 16    | Kept Legal      | 33,325               | 32,198               |
| of Georgia      |             | Released (legal | 35,088               | 89,704               |
|                 |             | & sub-legal)    |                      |                      |
| Juan de Fuca    | 19cde, 20cd | Kept Legal      | 14,976               | 10,165               |
| East            |             | Released (legal | 16,781               | 28,877               |
|                 |             | & sub-legal)    |                      |                      |
| Total combined  |             | Kept Legal      | 48,301               | 42,363               |
|                 |             | Released (legal | 51,869               | 118,581              |
|                 |             | & sub-legal)    |                      |                      |

Table 6. Southern BC Recreational Fishery Mortality Index for Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook by Pacific Fishery Management Area (PFMA) grouping, 2014-2023. A detailed breakdown by month is available in <u>Appendix B</u>.

| Fishery Area (PFMAs)        | 2014-2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| upperQCS(11,111)            | 0.1%      | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| nJST(12)                    | 0.7%      | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| nGST(13,14,15,16)           | 2.4%      | 2.8% | 1.1% | 1.2% | 0.9% | 1.2% |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29)      | 0.3%      | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)         | 2.4%      | 1.6% | 0.3% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 1.3% |
| JDFwest(Renfrew 20abe)      | 0.9%      | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.6% | 0.2% | 0.0% |
| Inshore NWVI                | 0.1%      | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Inshore SWVI                | 0.1%      | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.0% |
| NWVI >1nm offshore(125-127  | 0.5%      | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.4% |
| SWVI >1nm offshore(121-124) | 0.2%      | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.1% | 0.2% |
| Grand Total                 | 7.7%      | 6.2% | 2.3% | 3.7% | 1.9% | 3.8% |

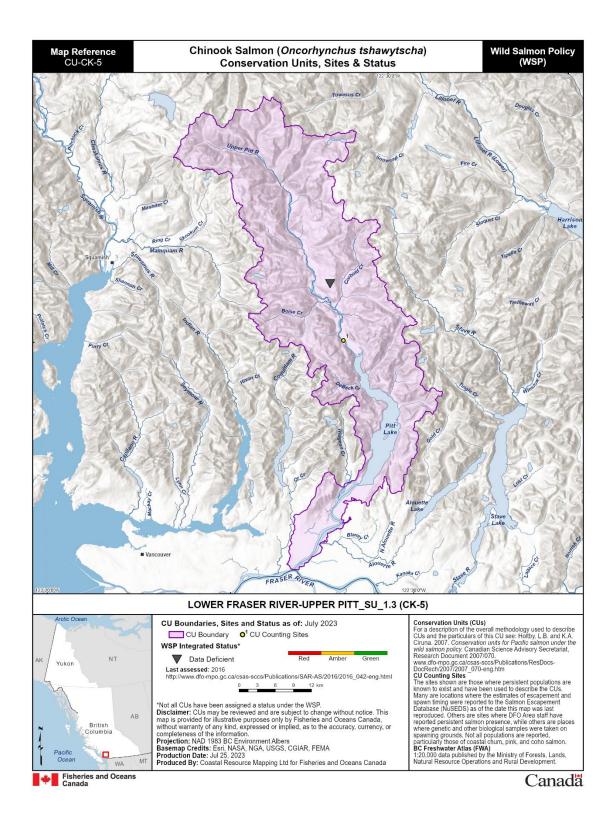
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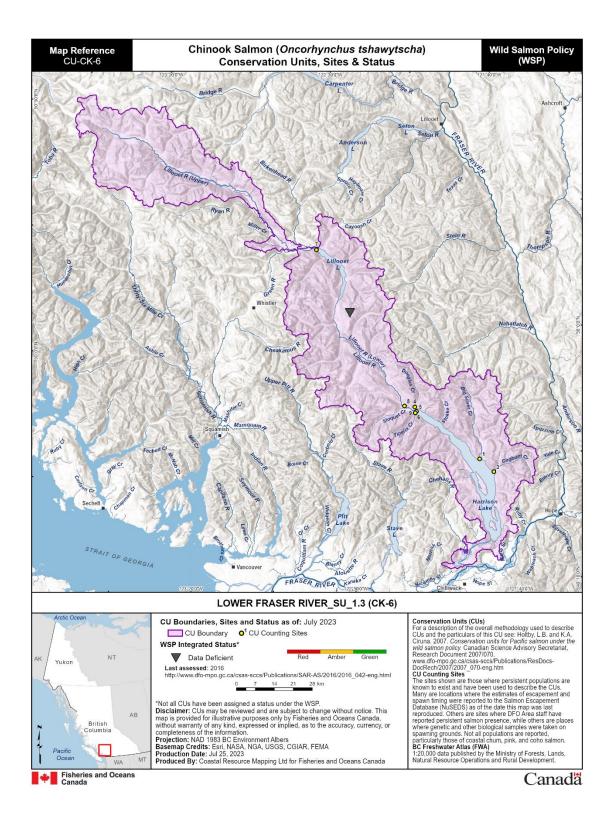
- Fishery Related Incidental Mortality (FRIM) is not included universally in the FMI analysis. Only the Southern BC recreational fisheries include a FRIM component for post-season analysis. For hook-and-line fisheries the currently hypothesized average FRIM rate used is 20%, and serves to account for mortality impacts from catch and release events in the FMI analysis.
- This FRIM rate is at the lower end of the range of mortality rates estimated in the available literature (15-40%). Depending on type and extent of injury and other factors (e.g., fish size, water temperature, handling, air exposure, etc.), FRIM rates estimated in recent studies using recreational gear can exceed the DFO hypothesized rate of 20% (reviewed in Patterson et al. 2017, Hinch et al. 2024). We acknowledge the challenges of estimating FRIM, but note that the divergence between recently published rates and those assumed for fishery management should be accounted for when setting precautionary fishery management measures.
- Understanding the influence of underestimating FRIM rates in the context of the FMI analysis is critical to inform decision-making on fisheries where those rates are used to justify fishery management.
  - Preliminary sensitivity analysis results from changing FRIM rates (e.g., 20% to 40%) used in fishery management planning for recreational fisheries affects the FMI outputs, including potentially increasing the marine recreational FMI and subsequently shifting the distribution of mortalities so more impacts occur in the recreational fisheries. Details of this analysis are available upon request to the JTC.
- Some recommendations for reducing FRIM rates include effort restriction (limiting overall effort), gear restrictions (maximum hook size, bait restrictions), and landing, handling, and release recommendations (best practices guidelines). We cannot quantify the impacts of most of these recommendations on the FMI. Other management actions to address kept catch are more likely to result in meaningful reductions in FMI, a shift in the distribution of impacts, and potentially more fish on the spawning grounds.

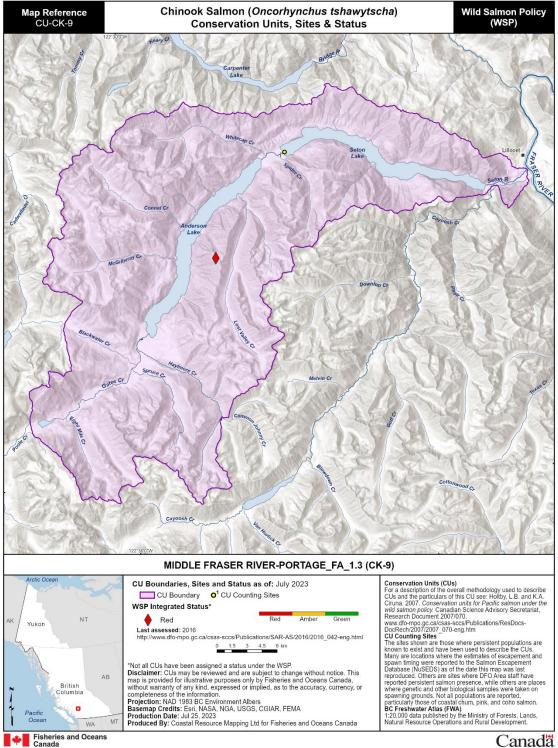
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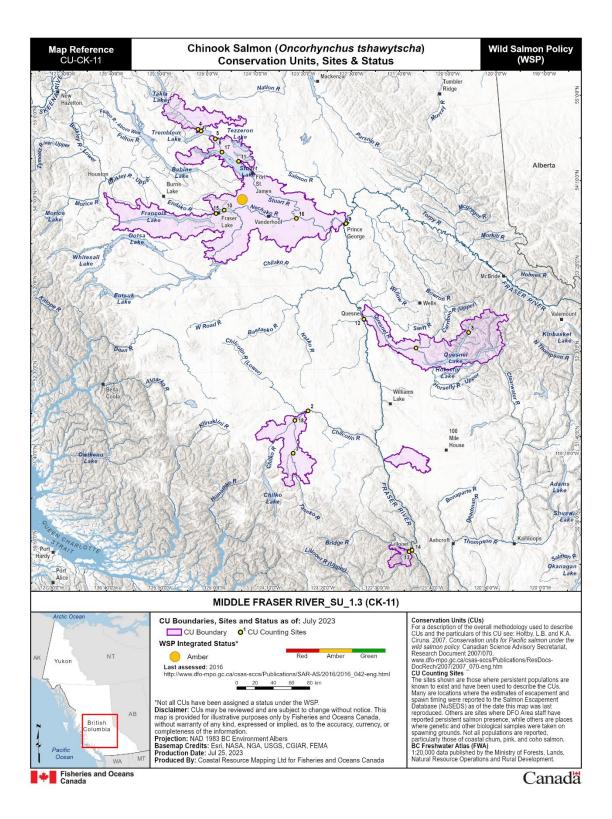
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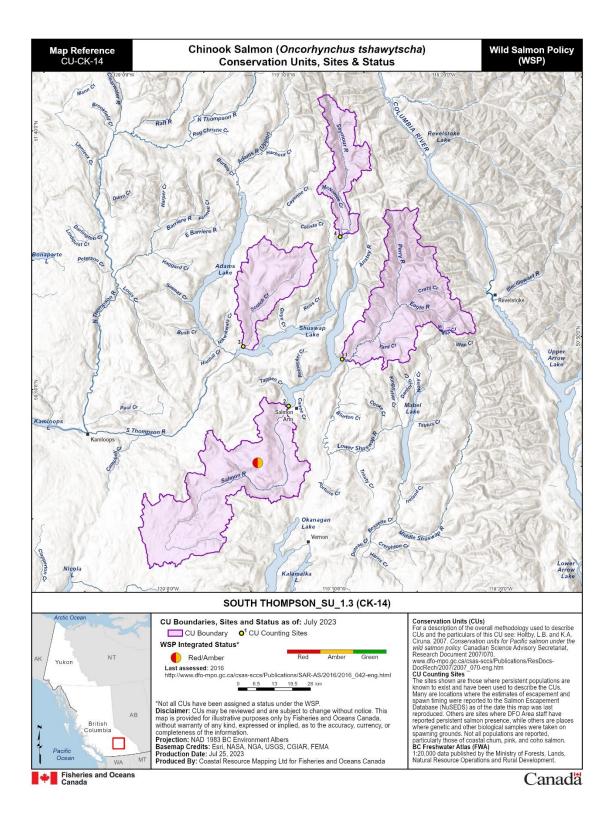
Appendix A. Maps of each Conservation Unit included in the Summer  $5_2$  Chinook Stock Management Unit.

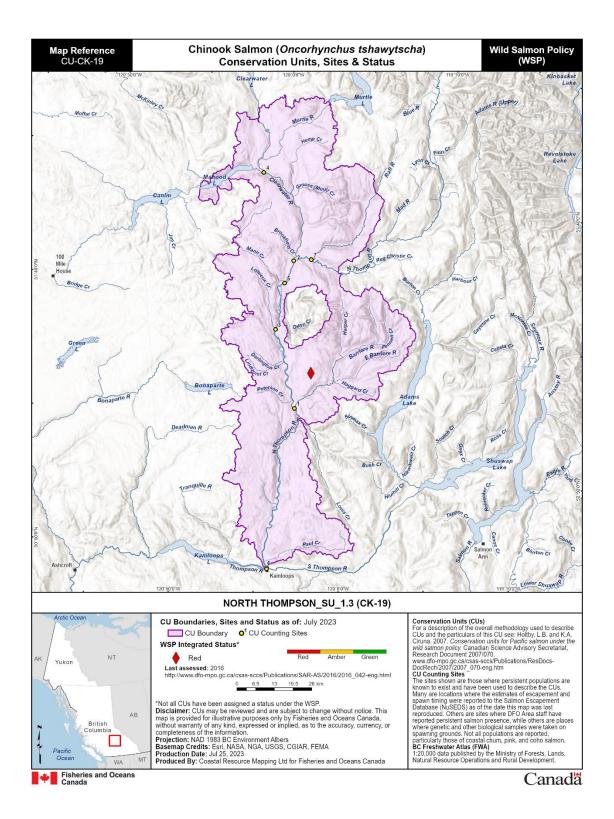












Appendix B. Southern BC Recreational Fishery Mortality Index for Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook by Pacific Fishery Management Area (PFMA) grouping and by month (May to September), 2014-2023.

| 2014-2018                   |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Fishery Area                | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | TOTAL |
| upperQCS(11,111)            | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | ns   | 0.1%  |
| nJST(12)                    | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.6% | 0.2% | ns   | 0.7%  |
| nGST(13,14,15,16)           | 0.1% | 0.6% | 2.0% | 0.9% | 0.1% | 2.4%  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29)      | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.3%  |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)         | 0.0% | 0.8% | 1.8% | 1.2% | 0.1% | 2.4%  |
| JDFwest(Renfrew 20abe)      | ns   | 0.1% | 0.9% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.9%  |
| Inshore NWVI                | ns   | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1%  |
| Inshore SWVI                | ns   | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1%  |
| NWVI >1nm offshore(125-127  | ns   | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.5%  |
| SWVI >1nm offshore(121-124) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.2%  |
| Grand Total                 | 0.1% | 2.4% | 6.1% | 3.2% | 0.3% | 7.7%  |

| 2019                        |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Fishery Area                | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | TOTAL |
| upperQCS(11,111)            | ns   | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | ns   | 0.2%  |
| nJST(12)                    | ns   | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.4%  |
| nGST(13,14,15,16)           | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.5% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 2.8%  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29)      | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.3%  |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)         | ns   | ns   | 1.0% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 1.6%  |
| JDFwest(Renfrew 20abe)      | ns   | ns   | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.3%  |
| Inshore NWVI                | ns   | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1%  |
| Inshore SWVI                | ns   | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3%  |
| NWVI >1nm offshore(125-127  | ns   | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% | ns   | 0.2%  |
| SWVI >1nm offshore(121-124) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0%  |
| Grand Total                 | 0.0% | 0.3% | 4.3% | 1.6% | 0.0% | 6.2%  |

#### 2020

| Fishery Area                | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| upperQCS(11,111)            | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | ns   | 0.1%  |
| nJST(12)                    | ns   | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.1% | ns   | 0.3%  |
| nGST(13,14,15,16)           | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.9% | 0.5% | 0.1% | 1.1%  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29)      | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1%  |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)         | ns   | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.3%  |
| JDFwest(Renfrew 20abe)      | ns   | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1%  |
| Inshore NWVI                | ns   | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | ns   | 0.1%  |
| Inshore SWVI                | ns   | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.2%  |
| NWVI >1nm offshore(125-127) | ns   | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | ns   | 0.0%  |
| SWVI >1nm offshore(121-124) | ns   | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0%  |
| Grand Total                 | 0.0% | 0.3% | 1.7% | 1.1% | 0.1% | 2.3%  |

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| Fishery Area                | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| upperQCS(11,111)            | ns   | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | ns   | 0.2%  |
| nJST(12)                    | ns   | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.2%  |
| nGST(13,14,15,16)           | 0.0% | 0.1% | 1.1% | 0.4% | 0.1% | 1.2%  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29)      | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.2%  |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)         | ns   | ns   | 0.0% | 0.7% | 0.0% | 0.5%  |
| JDFwest(Renfrew 20abe)      | ns   | ns   | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.6%  |
| Inshore NWVI                | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0%  |
| Inshore SWVI                | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.2%  |
| NWVI >1nm offshore(125-127  | ns   | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | ns   | 0.1%  |
| SWVI >1nm offshore(121-124) | ns   | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.5%  |
| Grand Total                 | 0.0% | 0.5% | 2.5% | 1.9% | 0.2% | 3.7%  |

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| Fishery Area                | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| upperQCS(11,111)            | ns   | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | ns   | 0.1%  |
| nJST(12)                    | ns   | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | ns   | 0.1%  |
| nGST(13,14,15,16)           | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.1% | 0.6% | 0.3% | 0.9%  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29)      | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.2%  |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)         | ns   | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.6% | 0.2% | 0.3%  |
| JDFwest(Renfrew 20abe)      | ns   | ns   | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.2%  |
| Inshore NWVI                | ns   | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0%  |
| Inshore SWVI                | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.2%  |
| NWVI >1nm offshore(125-127  | ns   | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | ns   | 0.0%  |
| SWVI >1nm offshore(121-124) | ns   | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.1%  |
| Grand Total                 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 2.2% | 1.8% | 0.5% | 1.9%  |

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| Fishery Area                | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug          | Sep  | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|--------------|------|-------|
| upperQCS(11,111)            | ns   | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0%         | ns   | 0.1%  |
| nJST(12)                    | ns   | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.0%         | ns   | 0.1%  |
| nGST(13,14,15,16)           | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.9% | 0.6%         | 0.2% | 1.2%  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29)      | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.4%         | 0.0% | 0.3%  |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)         | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 1.6%         | 0.2% | 1.3%  |
| JDFwest(Renfrew 20abe)      | ns   | ns   | 0.0% | 0.0%         | 0.0% | 0.0%  |
| Inshore NWVI                | ns   | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0%         | ns   | 0.1%  |
| Inshore SWVI                | ns   | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0%         | 0.0% | 0.0%  |
| NWVI >1nm offshore(125-127) | ns   | 0.0% | 0.4% | 0.2%         | ns   | 0.4%  |
| SWVI >1nm offshore(121-124) | ns   | 0.0% | 0.4% | 0.0%         | 0.0% | 0.2%  |
| Grand Total                 | 0.0% | 0.5% | 2.7% | <b>2.9</b> % | 0.4% | 3.8%  |

Appendix C. South Coast Creel survey Chinook results summary for June to August, 2014 to 2024. Catch numbers reported through dockside observers and guide lodge logbook program by month. These do not include expansions or infilling.

|                        |             |          | 2014-2018* |          |          | 2019   |        |        | 2020  |        |        | 2021   |        |         |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Fishery Area           | Disposition | Size     | June       | July     | August   | June   | July   | August | June  | July   | August | June   | July   | August  |
| nJST(12)               | Kept        | Legal    | 1,638.2    | 3,104.4  | 2,819.4  | 2      | 1,274  | 2,697  | 450   | 960    | 1,400  | 2      | 1,478  | 1,257   |
| nJST(12)               | Released    | Legal    | 250.0      | 490.2    | 313.0    | 564    | 897    | 932    | 178   | 602    | 726    | 57     | 630    | 278     |
| nJST(12)               | Released    | Sublegal | 2,407.6    | 3,327.8  | 2,745.0  | 557    | 4,988  | 4,383  | NA    | 2,488  | 3,377  | 131    | 5,543  | 3,643   |
| nwGST(13,14)           | Kept        | Legal    | 7,740.6    | 8,668.0  | 11,706.2 | 6      | 9,618  | 13,178 | 38    | 8,044  | 12,142 | 508    | 16,311 | 13,170  |
| nwGST(13,14)           | Released    | Legal    | 1,381.4    | 1,410.4  | 1,265.2  | 8,275  | 16,423 | 3,093  | 2,221 | 6,599  | 4,101  | 14,031 | 15,395 | 3,204   |
| nwGST(13,14)           | Released    | Sublegal | 7,759.6    | 8,351.8  | 13,654.4 | 2,545  | 13,610 | 16,368 | NA    | 10,472 | 21,386 | 14,430 | 28,904 | 35,192  |
| neGST(15,16)           | Kept        | Legal    | 1,341.2    | 2,084.2  | 1,784.6  | 9      | 2,656  | 1,934  | NA    | 2,202  | 1,075  | 1,896  | 6,496  | 2,291   |
| neGST(15,16)           | Released    | Legal    | 128.4      | 311.8    | 259.4    | 2,209  | 2,314  | 266    | 546   | 3,523  | 87     | 889    | 939    | 57      |
| neGST(15,16)           | Released    | Sublegal | 565.0      | NA       | NA       | 186    | 811    | 7,437  | NA    | 5,858  | 5,893  | 5,650  | 12,413 | 10,086  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29) | Kept        | Legal    | 1,514.4    | 1,305.8  | 3,217.8  | 24     | 1,193  | 9,356  | 30    | 740    | 857    | 0      | 1,692  | 1,441   |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29) | Released    | Legal    | 417.6      | 451.8    | 382.4    | 3,901  | 9,187  | 3,711  | 1,967 | 2,040  | 325    | 5,132  | 1,702  | 872     |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29) | Released    | Sublegal | 1,708.6    | 1,877.8  | 2,343.8  | 1,873  | 11,271 | 9,675  | NA    | 9,973  | 8,966  | 4,812  | 7,923  | 9,316   |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)    | Kept        | Legal    | 2,406.4    | 4,444.2  | 8,125.8  | 2      | 0      | 10,131 | 13    | 121    | 5,585  | 110    | 195    | 7,094   |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)    | Released    | Legal    | 821.2      | 1,042.2  | 1,804.4  | 1,980  | 4,393  | 2,388  | 263   | 2,697  | 1,952  | 1,160  | 2,172  | 2,407   |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)    | Released    | Sublegal | 697.8      | 5,871.2  | 6,544.0  | 0      | 846    | 5,866  | NA    | 1,880  | 9,033  | 377    | 2,438  | 15,432  |
| JDFwest(20abe)         | Kept        | Legal    | 479.8      | 1,571.0  | 4,418.0  | 0      | 870    | 6,740  | 17    | 840    | 4,708  | 0      | 1,049  | 5,074   |
| JDFwest(20abe)         | Released    | Legal    | 185.4      | 476.6    | 698.6    | 636    | 839    | 982    | NA    | 761    | 511    | 0      | 21     | 50      |
| JDFwest(20abe)         | Released    | Sublegal | 398.2      | 738.4    | 1,133.0  | 69     | 179    | 1,093  | NA    | 1,294  | 1,059  | 201    | 1,162  | 2,031   |
| Inshore NWVI           | Kept        | Legal    | 1,655.4    | 7,719.4  | 8,250.0  | 2,444  | 10,302 | 6,901  | 2,336 | 6,380  | 5,243  | 3,271  | 7,076  | 8,084   |
| Inshore NWVI           | Released    | Legal    | 286.8      | 1,910.4  | 2,573.8  | 643    | 1,647  | 826    | NA    | 733    | 641    | 806    | 1,387  | 1,424   |
| Inshore NWVI           | Released    | Sublegal | 198.8      | 3,956.4  | 2,595.6  | 603    | 4,648  | 4,222  | NA    | 3,978  | 4,430  | 3,703  | 7,972  | 9,312   |
| Inshore SWVI           | Kept        | Legal    | 2,815.8    | 2,574.2  | 8,436.6  | 5,172  | 5,149  | 13,167 | 2,226 | 2,558  | 11,968 | 3,950  | 5,050  | 18,061  |
| Inshore SWVI           | Released    | Legal    | 1,194.2    | 711.8    | 936.8    | 3,299  | 2,613  | 2,315  | NA    | 978    | 600    | 2,679  | 2,189  | 3,470   |
| Inshore SWVI           | Released    | Sublegal | 3,421.2    | 6,612.2  | 4,302.0  | 4,186  | 13,036 | 6,648  | NA    | 3,591  | 3,171  | 10,919 | 17,704 | 15,133  |
| NWVI offshore          | Kept        | Legal    | 1,819.6    | 6,338.8  | 4,057.8  | 760    | 4,671  | 2,905  | 110   | 1,996  | 540    | 1,026  | 1,278  | 456     |
| NWVI offshore          | Released    | Legal    | 280.4      | 1,918.4  | 1,338.2  | 671    | 868    | 289    | NA    | 401    | 29     | 679    | 499    | 33      |
| NWVI offshore          | Released    | Sublegal | 59.0       | 1,018.4  | 637.2    | 28     | 1,590  | 320    | NA    | 328    | 34     | 4,262  | 1,030  | 163     |
| SWVI offshore          | Kept        | Legal    | 5,470.8    | 15,953.0 | 11,800.4 | 1,197  | 11,109 | 12,756 | 192   | 4,519  | 9,635  | 423    | 7,180  | 8,499   |
| SWVI offshore          | Released    | Legal    | 2,460.6    | 5,417.2  | 3,230.8  | 356    | 2,835  | 2,148  | NA    | 637    | 566    | 151    | 775    | 1,309   |
| SWVI offshore          | Released    | Sublegal | 1,218.8    | 3,979.0  | 3,602.2  | 492    | 5,628  | 2,704  | NA    | 1,275  | 2,179  | 550    | 6,683  | 3,730   |
| QCS(11, 111)           | Kept        | Legal    | 1,475.0    | 1,580.6  | 770.2    | 3,496  | 2,691  | 820    | 862   | 1,573  | 886    | 1,482  | 2,457  | 1,510   |
| QCS(11, 111)           | Released    | Legal    | 296.0      | 207.8    | 64.0     | 974    | 562    | 126    | 254   | 412    | 156    | 53     | 262    | 55      |
| QCS(11, 111)           | Released    | Sublegal | 252.2      | 197.8    | 184.8    | 159    | 369    | 120    | NA    | 425    | 437    | 185    | 538    | 308     |
| Total                  | Kept        | Legal    | 28,357     | 55,344   | 65,387   | 13,112 | 49,533 | 80,585 | 6,274 | 29,933 | 54,039 | 12,668 | 50,262 | 66,937  |
|                        | Released    | Legal    | 7,702      | 14,349   | 12,867   | 23,508 | 42,578 | 17,076 | 3,208 | 19,383 | 9,694  | 25,637 | 25,971 | 13,159  |
|                        | Released    | Sublegal | 18,687     | 35,931   | 37,742   | 10,698 | 56,976 | 58,836 | NA    | 41,562 | 59,965 | 45,220 | 92,310 | 104,346 |

\*2014-2018 Creel averages can be missing months during some years due to creel survey operations

#### Appendix C table continued

|                        |             |          | 2022   |        |         | 2023   |        |        | 2024   |        |        | 2019-2024 |          |          |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Fishery Area           | Disposition | Size     | June   | July   | August  | June   | July   | August | June   | July   | August | June      | July     | August   |
| nJST(12)               | Kept        | Legal    | 271    | 771    | 792     | 256    | 1,430  | 1,768  | 303    | 1,458  | 1,563  | 214.0     | 1,228.5  | 1,579.5  |
| nJST(12)               | Released    | Legal    | 150    | 782    | 148     | 602    | 1,345  | 756    | 342    | 1,244  | 584    | 315.5     | 916.7    | 570.7    |
| nJST(12)               | Released    | Sublegal | 163    | 4,168  | 1,635   | 252    | 2,920  | 2,166  | 84     | 2,533  | 2,555  | 237.4     | 3,773.3  | 2,959.8  |
| nwGST(13,14)           | Kept        | Legal    | 434    | 13,023 | 17,523  | 1,750  | 9,217  | 11,980 | 224    | 13,762 | 12,045 | 493.3     | 11,662.5 | 13,339.7 |
| nwGST(13,14)           | Released    | Legal    | 5,600  | 12,225 | 4,932   | 6,385  | 9,700  | 5,750  | 7,809  | 16,039 | 3,640  | 7,386.8   | 12,730.2 | 4,120.0  |
| nwGST(13,14)           | Released    | Sublegal | 2,936  | 21,752 | 33,742  | 3,208  | 11,190 | 17,169 | 2,618  | 13,690 | 13,319 | 5,147.4   | 16,603.0 | 22,862.7 |
| neGST(15,16)           | Kept        | Legal    | 1,994  | 3,522  | 3,038   | 1,731  | 2,212  | 1,266  | 1,814  | 3,077  | 1,512  | 1,488.8   | 3,360.8  | 1,852.7  |
| neGST(15,16)           | Released    | Legal    | 1,328  | 2,353  | 139     | 2,844  | 2,138  | 925    | 5,816  | 8,183  | 771    | 2,272.0   | 3,241.7  | 374.2    |
| neGST(15,16)           | Released    | Sublegal | 5,314  | 9,117  | 7,853   | 1,927  | 2,067  | 1,774  | 4,369  | 3,761  | 1,789  | 3,489.2   | 5,671.2  | 5,805.3  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29) | Kept        | Legal    | 7      | 2,548  | 2,332   | 26     | 1,274  | 4,401  | 286    | 703    | 3,954  | 62.2      | 1,358.3  | 3,723.5  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29) | Released    | Legal    | 3,909  | 3,326  | 1,237   | 3,933  | 2,407  | 1,069  | 6,871  | 2,418  | 2,037  | 4,285.5   | 3,513.3  | 1,541.8  |
| sGST(17,18,19ab,28,29) | Released    | Sublegal | 1,346  | 14,798 | 18,220  | 2,906  | 10,719 | 9,726  | 2,262  | 3,538  | 11,543 | 2,639.8   | 9,703.7  | 11,241.0 |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)    | Kept        | Legal    | 149    | 440    | 8,769   | 45     | 474    | 12,073 | 429    | 800    | 14,558 | 124.7     | 338.3    | 9,701.7  |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)    | Released    | Legal    | 2,130  | 6,550  | 5,092   | 2,035  | 6,119  | 5,518  | 1,072  | 3,275  | 8,310  | 1,440.0   | 4,201.0  | 4,277.8  |
| JDFeast(19cde,20cd)    | Released    | Sublegal | 559    | 3,680  | 33,914  | 706    | 4,647  | 21,029 | 1,030  | 3,468  | 8,307  | 534.4     | 2,826.5  | 15,596.8 |
| JDFwest(20abe)         | Kept        | Legal    | 0      | 680    | 3,089   | 0      | 555    | 6,184  | 0      | 762    | 5,808  | 2.8       | 792.7    | 5,267.2  |
| JDFwest(20abe)         | Released    | Legal    | 44     | 48     | 275     | 0      | 133    | 1,234  | 97     | 752    | 1,156  | 155.4     | 425.7    | 701.3    |
| JDFwest(20abe)         | Released    | Sublegal | 171    | 1,449  | 3,147   | 26     | 656    | 4,725  | 0      | 420    | 895    | 93.4      | 860.0    | 2,158.3  |
| Inshore NWVI           | Kept        | Legal    | 3,899  | 8,030  | 8,608   | 2,792  | 6,787  | 8,298  | 4,888  | 10,305 | 8,086  | 3,271.7   | 8,146.7  | 7,536.7  |
| Inshore NWVI           | Released    | Legal    | 1,459  | 2,077  | 1,655   | 678    | 1,252  | 2,203  | 3,085  | 2,028  | 1,579  | 1,334.2   | 1,520.7  | 1,388.0  |
| Inshore NWVI           | Released    | Sublegal | 2,788  | 8,507  | 3,544   | 1,009  | 4,038  | 3,625  | 1,080  | 2,552  | 1,695  | 1,836.6   | 5,282.5  | 4,471.3  |
| Inshore SWVI           | Kept        | Legal    | 4,165  | 5,630  | 15,688  | 4,748  | 3,366  | 20,393 | 5,015  | 6,756  | 12,526 | 4,212.7   | 4,751.5  | 15,300.5 |
| Inshore SWVI           | Released    | Legal    | 1,831  | 2,089  | 2,457   | 1,328  | 920    | 6,269  | 2,907  | 2,836  | 2,157  | 2,408.8   | 1,937.5  | 2,878.0  |
| Inshore SWVI           | Released    | Sublegal | 7,759  | 19,814 | 10,176  | 8,046  | 8,131  | 12,905 | 12,492 | 13,970 | 15,286 | 8,680.4   | 12,707.7 | 10,553.2 |
| NWVI offshore          | Kept        | Legal    | 934    | 2,787  | 1,222   | 2,764  | 4,189  | 4,202  | 1,731  | 3,604  | 3,711  | 1,220.8   | 3,087.5  | 2,172.7  |
| NWVI offshore          | Released    | Legal    | 582    | 354    | 183     | 403    | 1,007  | 1,120  | 925    | 707    | 1,019  | 652.0     | 639.3    | 445.5    |
| NWVI offshore          | Released    | Sublegal | 1,324  | 1,633  | 896     | 2,150  | 470    | 77     | 196    | 545    | 174    | 1,592.0   | 932.7    | 277.3    |
| SWVI offshore          | Kept        | Legal    | 928    | 7,112  | 13,196  | 850    | 6,934  | 11,469 | 902    | 6,744  | 12,691 | 748.7     | 7,266.3  | 11,374.3 |
| SWVI offshore          | Released    | Legal    | 226    | 1,968  | 5,006   | 74     | 1,710  | 2,995  | 224    | 1,783  | 3,308  | 206.2     | 1,618.0  | 2,555.3  |
| SWVI offshore          | Released    | Sublegal | 392    | 5,034  | 4,958   | 126    | 2,592  | 2,182  | 423    | 1,492  | 3,916  | 396.6     | 3,784.0  | 3,278.2  |
| QCS(11, 111)           | Kept        | Legal    | 973    | 893    | 559     | 1,590  | 2,215  | 1,533  | 3,471  | 2,165  | 1,685  | 1,979.0   | 1,999.0  | 1,165.5  |
| QCS(11, 111)           | Released    | Legal    | 61     | 89     | 32      | 199    | 1,405  | 591    | 1,024  | 1,035  | 248    | 427.5     | 627.5    | 201.3    |
| QCS(11, 111)           | Released    | Sublegal | 117    | 291    | 140     | 75     | 208    | 335    | 140    | 156    | 214    | 135.2     | 331.2    | 259.0    |
| Total                  | Kept        | Legal    | 13,754 | 45,436 | 74,816  | 16,552 | 38,653 | 83,567 | 19,063 | 50,136 | 78,139 | 13,819    | 43,992   | 73,014   |
|                        | Released    | Legal    | 17,320 | 31,861 | 21,156  | 18,481 | 28,136 | 28,430 | 30,172 | 40,300 | 24,809 | 20,884    | 31,372   | 19,054   |
|                        | Released    | Sublegal | 22,869 | 90,243 | 118,225 | 20,431 | 47,638 | 75,713 | 24,694 | 46,125 | 59,693 | 24,782    | 62,476   | 79,463   |

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Appendix D. Escapement estimates for Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook from the Fraser River Run Reconstruction. Green columns indicate populations that are included in the Conservation Units/Designatable Units shown in Table 1. Values in the 2014-2018 row are the average escapement for those years.

| Year      | Stuart | Nechako | Stellako | Quesnel | Cariboo | Chilko | Elkin | Taseko | Portage | Seton | Mahood | Clearwater |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|------------|
| 2014-2018 | 2,554  | 3,759   | 6        | 1,555   | 251     | 6,890  | 385   | 614    | 45      | 17    | 34     | 2,116      |
| 2019      | 2,174  | 2,900   | 0        | 342     | 58      | 5,086  | 290   | 522    | 229     | 18    | 26     | 783        |
| 2020      | 2,614  | 1,800   | 0        | 289     | 245     | 6,322  | 485   | 1,376  | 42      | 29    | 17     | 3,532      |
| 2021      | 2,572  | 2,770   | 2        | 1,560   | 160     | 5,473  | 118   | 212    | 28      | 29    | 35     | 3,780      |
| 2022      | 4,620  | 4,063   | 2        | 1,637   | 745     | 13,695 | 402   | 380    | 70      | 0     | 18     | 5,580      |
| 2023      | 3,324  | 3,929   | 2        | 1,343   | 948     | 7,260  | 449   | 274    | 115     | 37    | 22     | 4,419      |

|           |      |          | North    |         |                   | Chilliwack |         |         |        |        |         |         |          |        |
|-----------|------|----------|----------|---------|-------------------|------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| Year      | Raft | Barriere | Thompson | Lemieux | <b>Big Silver</b> | Summer     | Douglas | Kazchek | Kuzkwa | Pinchi | Sloquet | Tipella | Chehalis | Total  |
| 2014-2018 | 99   | 83       | 1,192    | 15      | 61                | 1,077      | 11      | 1       | 61     | 5      | 44      | 0       | 642      | 21,519 |
| 2019      | 106  | 89       | 211      | 11      | 31                | 1,443      | 0       | 0       | 22     | 4      | 12      | 0       | 501      | 14,857 |
| 2020      | 122  | 329      | 1,307    | 2       | 66                | 2,439      | 34      | 0       | 25     | 9      | 22      | 0       | 923      | 22,030 |
| 2021      | 106  | 29       | 1,791    | 11      | 60                | 2,353      | 8       | 2       | 51     | 9      | 35      | 0       | 479      | 21,673 |
| 2022      | 146  | 309      | 3,217    | 23      | 12                | 3,265      | 14      | 0       | 28     | 0      | 63      | 0       | 641      | 38,931 |
| 2023      | 83   | 40       | 2,314    | 29      | 82                | 2,309      | 3       | 4       | 18     | 15     | 52      | 0       | 934      | 28,006 |