

**Somass Sockeye Stock Assessment Update**

**Pre-season forecast:**

Somass (Great Central and Sproat) – 169,000  
Henderson Lake sockeye outlook < 15,000

**Escapement to June 2:** Stamp: 250      Sproat: 2028      Total: 2278

**Test Fishery:** Seine vessel testing June 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

**First in-season re-forecast:** June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Catch Estimate: 0**

Somass First Nations – 0  
Maa-nulth First Nations – 0  
Area D Gillnet – 0  
Area B Seine - 0  
Recreational – 0

**NEXT WEEK'S FISHING PLANS:**

**All Fishing plans are subject to change depending on weekly meetings.**

**First Nations**

Hupacasath & Tseshaht – Sockeye FSC closed, EO - closed.  
Maa-nulth – Sockeye Treaty closed

**Commercial**

Area D Gillnet – closed.  
Area B Seine – closed.

**Recreational**

Sockeye closed

**New Measures**

Due to lower than expected escapement of Sockeye and the following areas will be closed to fishing for finfish effective 00:01h June 4, 2020 until midnight July 14, 2020:

Portions of subarea 23-1 and subarea 23-2 from the tidal boundary signs at Paper Mill Dam in the Somass River then downstream south into the Inlet to Hocking Point light. Portions of the Freshwater section of the Somass River Region 1 from Somass Park to Paper Mill Dam. See Fishery Notices links below.

[FN 506 Finfish Closure upper Alberni Inlet](#)

[FN 505 Portion of the freshwater section of the Somass River closed to fishing for salmon](#)

The above management measures may change on short notice depending on in-season information. For more info please call the Port Alberni DFO office at 250 720 4440