



Licence Number: XFSC 395 2014

File Number: LFA-14-CL224/Lower Fraser First Nations

Valid From: 07-Aug-2014

Expiry Date: 10-Aug-2014

**ABORIGINAL LIMITED PARTICIPATION COMMUNAL FISHING LICENCE FOR LOWER FRASER RIVER FIRST NATION GROUPS FOR SALMON**

This licence is issued under authority of the Fisheries Act and section 4 of the Aboriginal Communal Fishing Licences Regulations.

This licence does not define an Aboriginal right to fish or its scope; however, for the fishing season, it is intended to provide a mechanism, for reasons of proper management and control of the fisheries and conservation and protection of fish, for requiring compliance with the provisions of this licence.

This licence is issued to the Aitchelitz, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw Kwaw Apilt, Matsqui, Peters, Popkum, Seabird Island, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Skwah, Shxwha:y, Soowahlie, Squiala, Sumas, Tzeachten, Union Bar, Yakweakwoose and the Yale First Nations for and on behalf of the members of those First Nations and subject to the Fisheries Act and Regulations thereunder, confers the authority to fish for the following purpose: Food, Social and Ceremonial.

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**Period of Activity:**

Subject to ammendments to the conditions of this licence and subject to close times as may be varied by the Director-General, Pacific Region, DFO in accordance with the Fishery (General) Regulations, species of fish set out in this licence may be harvested under this licence. Subject to closures and other terms and conditions of this licence, the authority to fish under this licence will expire on August 10, 2014 or earlier if DFO, after consultation with the First Nation has determined that the maximum quantity has been reached.

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**Licence Holders:**

FIN: 108212                      Aitchelitz First Nation

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FIN: 108213                      Chawathil First Nation

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FIN: 108214                      Cheam First Nation

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FIN: 108217                      Katzie First Nation

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FIN: 108218                      Kwantlen First Nation

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FIN: 129310                      Kwaw Kwaw Apilt

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FIN: 108222                      Matsqui First Nation

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FIN: 108223                      Peters First Nation

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FIN: 108224                      Popkum First Nation C/O Sto:Lo Nation

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FIN: 108226                      Seabird Island First Nation

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FIN: 108678                      Shxw'Ow'Hamel First Nation



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FIN: 108674 Skawahlook First Nation

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FIN: 129908 Skowkale

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FIN: 108228 Skwah First Nation

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FIN: 108229 Skway First Nation

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FIN: 108230 Soowahlie First Nation

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FIN: 108232 Squiala First Nation

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FIN: 108233 Sumas First Nation

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FIN: 108235 Tzeachten First Nation

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FIN: 108236 Union Bar First Nation

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FIN: 108237 Yakwekwioose First Nation

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FIN: 108238 Yale First Nation

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**Species, Quantity of Fish, Area(s) and Gear:**

**Licence Holder:**

**Species:**

**Allowable Fishing Times:**

**Gear:**

**Licence Area:**

**Additional Descriptions:**

All

SOCKEYE SALMON (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)

Start: Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 18:00

End: Sunday, August 10, 2014 at 18:00

Details:

Net, Set

Lower Fraser

**Gear and Gear Identification:** The following gear is permitted:

During each opening in the Fishery, each Participant may fish using either one Drift Net or one Set Net, but not both.

**Set Nets on condition that:**

(a) They do not exceed a maximum of 16.6 fathoms or 100 feet in length; and a maximum depth of 60 meshes with a 3:1 hang ratio.

(b) They are identified by a floating buoy prominently displaying the Participant's designation number. The



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Participant's designation number shall be the only number displayed on the buoy.

(c) All Set Nets fished from poles shall have buoys attached to the end of the net farthest from the beach by means of a tag line of sufficient length to allow the buoys to be on the surface of the water and clearly visible for inspection at all times.

**Licence Holder:**

All

**Species:**

SOCKEYE SALMON (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)

**Allowable Fishing Times:**

Start Date: Saturday, August 9, 2014

End Date: Sunday, August 10, 2014

Times: 07:00 - 19:00 daily

Details:

**Gear:**

Net, Drift

**Licence Area:**

Lower Fraser

**Additional Descriptions:**

**Drift Nets** on condition that:

(a) They do not exceed a maximum of 50 fathoms or 300 feet in length; and a maximum depth of 60 meshes with a 3:1 hang ratio.

(b) There may be only one Drift Net fished from any vessel.

(c) Each Drift Net shall be attended at all times by the Participant who is fishing the net.

(d) No vessel fishing under the authority of the Licence may have on board, in a hung condition (on the drum), any Drift Net without a 3:1 hang ratio, or in excess of 50 fathoms in length.

(e) Spare nets on board a vessel actively fishing must be kept in a stowed condition.

**Additional Information:**

AREA: Drift net and Set net Fishing is permitted in the following area(s):

Subarea 3 - Port Mann Bridge to Kanaka Creek

Those waters of the Fraser River downstream of a line projected from a red boundary sign located at Kanaka Creek (north side of Fraser River), to a red boundary sign at the upstream end of Derby Reach (south side of Fraser River), to the Port Mann Bridge.

Subarea 4 - Kanaka Creek to Mission Bridge

Those waters of the Fraser River downstream of the Canadian Pacific Railway Bridge at Mission and bounded on the west by a line projected from a red boundary sign located at Kanaka Creek (north side of Fraser River), to a red boundary sign at the upstream end of Derby Reach (south side of Fraser River).

Subarea 5 - Mission Bridge to Sumas River mouth

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the west by the downstream side of the Canadian Pacific Railway Bridge at Mission and on the east by a line from a white boundary sign on the upstream side of the Fraser River at the mouth of the Sumas River, thence true north to a white boundary sign on the opposite shore.



In sub-area 5 drift net fishing is prohibited between the boundary signs located 250 meters down stream and 250 meters up stream of the Pacific Salmon Commission's hydro-acoustic transect site.

#### Subarea 6 - Sumas River to Harrison

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the west by a line from a white boundary sign on the upstream side of the Fraser River at the mouth of the Sumas River, thence true north to a white boundary sign on the opposite shore and bounded on the east by a line from a white boundary sign on the upstream side of the Fraser River at the mouth of the Harrison River, thence true south to a white boundary sign on the southern shore of the Fraser River and those waters of the Harrison River downstream of the Highway Number 7 Bridge.

#### Subarea 7 - Harrison to Agassiz Bridge

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the west by a line from a white boundary sign on the upstream side of the Fraser River at the mouth of the Harrison River, thence true south to a white boundary sign on the southern shore of the Fraser River and bounded on the east by the downstream side of the bridge across the Fraser River at Agassiz.

#### Subarea 8 - Agassiz Bridge to Hope Bridge

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the west by the downstream side of the bridge across the Fraser River at Agassiz, and on the east by the downstream side of the bridge across the Fraser River at Hope.

#### Subarea 9 - Hope Bridge to Emory Creek

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the south by the downstream side of the bridge across the Fraser River at Hope, and on the north at the upstream confluence of Emory Creek.

#### Subarea 10 - Emory Creek to Yale Creek

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the south by the upstream confluence of Emory Creek and bounded on the north at the upstream confluence of Yale Creek.

In sub-area 10 drift net fishing is prohibited between the boundary signs located 400 meters down stream and 400 meters upstream of the Qualark Gill Net Test Fishing site.

#### Subarea 11 - Yale Creek to Sawmill Creek

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the south by the upstream confluence of Yale Creek and bounded on the north at red boundary signs located at Sawmill Creek.

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### Terms and Conditions:

#### Definitions

'DFO' means the Department of Fisheries and Oceans;

'Drift Net' means a gillnet free floating in the water, not attached in any manner to the shore, operated from a boat;

'First Nation' means the First Nations;

'First Nations' means the Aitchellitz, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw Kwaw Apilt, Matsqui, Peters, Popkum, Seabird Island, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Skwah, Shxwha:y, Soowahlie, Squiala, Sumas, Tzeachten, Union Bar, Yakweakwoose and the Yale First Nations;

'Fishery' means fishing under the authority of this licence;

'FVAFS' means the means the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Fisheries Society that will deliver the area catch monitoring program for FSC fisheries, Except thos fisheries conducted by Sts'ailes and Yale First Nations;

'Participant' means an individual designated in accordance with this licence to fish under the authority of this licence;

'Set Net' means a gillnet that is either tied to shore at one end and anchored in the river at the other end, or anchored in the river at both ends, or tied to the shore at one end and tied to a net pole at the other end.

#### Species

The Fishery is limited to the harvest of **Sockeye salmon** and incidental harvest of **Chinook salmon**.



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All efforts and attempts shall be made to return all non-target species including steelhead, and sturgeon to the water alive and unharmed. Steelhead and Sturgeon must not be retained.

Subject to closures and other terms and conditions of this licence, the authority to fish under this licence will expire on August 10, 2014 or earlier if DFO, after consultation with the First Nation has determined that the maximum quantity has been reached.

### **Use of Fish**

Fish caught under this licence are for food, social and ceremonial purposes. Without prejudice to future agreements or regulations, sale of fish caught under this licence is not permitted.

### **Designation of Participants**

Participants must have proof of First Nation membership or a designation card to fish under the authority of this licence. Proof of First Nation membership shall be a First Nation status card or a letter of authorization issued by one of the First Nations. A designation card may be obtained from one of the First Nations, and will be issued to a Participant at the time of designation. A designation card will contain a likeness of the Participant, the Participant's date of birth and a designation number for the Participant. Designations are personal and non-transferable.

Participants designated to fish under this licence shall carry their proof of First Nation membership or designation card participating in the Fishery, including the harvesting, transporting and landing of fish, and will present such documentation on request by any fishery officer or fishery guardian.

### **Catch Monitoring and Harvest Reporting**

All Participants must report the number and species of fish caught in the Fishery, as well as the number of fish retained, to Dale Joe and Tony Malloway at the FVAFS (Tel: 1-(888)282-2111, Fax: (604)858-9959 immediately following the Fishery. The FVAFS will collect all catch statistics and report this information to Matthew Parslow, Management Biologist at the DFO office at Annacis Island (Tel: (604) 666-3478 Fax: (604) 666-7112 within 48 hours of the Fishery on the 'Catch Reporting Form' provided by DFO.

Yale First Nation monitors will be located at Emory Creek Beach and Strawberry Island Beach. All Participants/Monitors must report to Yale First Nation's administration office immediately following the Fishery. Yale First Nation's administration office will collect all catch statistics and report this information to Matt Parslow, Management Biologist at the DFO office at Annacis Island Tel: (604) 666-6608 Fax: (604) 666-7112 within 48 hours of the Fishery on the 'Catch Reporting Form' provided by DFO.

Sts'ailes First Nation Members must report the number and species of fish caught in the Fishery, as well as the number of fish retained, to Kim Charlie, Sts'ailes Fisheries Authority (Tel: (604) 796-2116, Fax: (604) 796-3729. Sts'ailes Fishing Authority will collect all catch statistics, for the Sts'ailes First Nation, and report this information to Matthew Parslow, Resource Management Biologist at the DFO office at Annacis Island (Tel: (604) 666-3478 Fax: (604) 666-7112 within 48 hours of the Fishery on the 'Catch Reporting Form' provided by DFO.

Daily updates will be provided to DFO Resource Management staff. During the drift fishery, the observers will keep a daily running tally of the numbers of salmon harvested by species, a tally of the number and species of fish released and total soak time (start and finish) of each drift on the form provided by DFO Resource Management staff. FVAFS, Yale and Sts'ailes will provide all catch and effort information to DFO Resource Management staff at fax: (604) 666-7112 within 48 hours of the close of the fishery.

### **Other Provisions**

Pursuant to subsection 22(6) of the Fishery (General) Regulations, compliance with the Fisheries Act and the regulations made under the Act is a condition of this licence.



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