



Licence Number: XFSC 295 2020

File Number: LFA-20-CL220/Lower Fraser

Valid From: 28-Aug-2020

Expiry Date: 29-Aug-2020

This licence is issued under the authority of SECTION 4 OF THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNAL FISHING LICENCES REGULATIONS.

This licence is not intended to 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 subject to the *Fisheries Act* and regulations thereunder, and confers the authority to fish under the following conditions: Food, Social, and Ceremonial purposes.

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**Period of Activity:**

This licence is issued to the Aitchelitz, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw Kwaw Apilt, Leq'a:mel, Matsqui, Peters, Popkum, Seabird Island, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Skwah, Skway, Soowahlie, Squiala, Sumas, Tzeachten, Union Bar and the Yakweakwioose 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 under the following conditions: 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 29, 2020 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 INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108213	CHAWATHIL INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108214	CHEAM INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108217	KATZIE INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108218	KWANTLEN FIRST NATION
FIN: 129310	KWAW-KWAW-APILT INDIAN BAND
FIN: 127541	LEQ' A: MEL FIRST NATION
FIN: 108222	MATSQUI INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108223	PETERS INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108224	POPKUM INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108226	SEABIRD ISLAND INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108678	SHXW'OW'HAMEL FIRST NATION



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FIN: 129860	SHXWHÁ:Y VILLAGE
FIN: 108674	SKAWAHLOOK FIRST NATION
FIN: 129908	SKOWKALE INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108228	SKWAH INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108230	SOOWAHLIE INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108232	SQUIALA FIRST NATION
FIN: 108233	SUMAS FIRST NATION
FIN: 108235	TZEACHTEN INDIAN BAND
FIN: 108236	UNION BAR FIRST NATION
FIN: 108237	YAKWEAKWIOOSE INDIAN BAND

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

**Licence Holder:** All  
**Species:** CHINOOK SALMON (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)  
**Allowable Fishing Times:** Start: Friday, August 28, 2020 at 18:00  
End: Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 18:00  
Details: Set Net

**Gear:** Gillnet, Set, Anchored

**Licence Area:** PORT MANN BRIDGE TO MISSION; MISSION BRIDGE TO HARRISON RIVER;  
HARRISON TO HOPE; HOPE TO SAWMILL CREEK

**Additional Descriptions:** **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.

**Set Nets on condition that:**

1. They do not exceed a maximum of 16.6 fathoms or 100 feet in length; and a maximum depth of 60 meshes with a minimum mesh size of eight (8") inches with a maximum 3:1 hang ratio.
2. They are identified by a floating buoy prominently displaying the Participant's designation number. The Participant's designation number shall be the only number



displayed on the buoy.

3. 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.
4. During all fishing activity, each Set Net shall be checked and picked regularly, to remove all viable Sockeye Salmon, by the Participant who is fishing the net.

**Licence Holder:** All

**Species:** CHINOOK SALMON (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)

**Allowable Fishing** Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020

**Times:** Times: 12:00 - 20:00

**Details:** Subarea 4 to Subarea 6 for Sumas First Nation only

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Times: 06:00 - 14:00

**Details:** Subarea 4 to Subarea 11 includes all communities identified in the licence except Sumas, Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Times: 12:00 - 20:00

**Details:** Subarea 3 to Subarea 4 for Katzie and Kwantlen First Nation only

**Gear:** Gillnet, Drift

**Licence Area:** PORT MANN BRIDGE TO MISSION; MISSION BRIDGE TO HARRISON RIVER; HARRISON TO HOPE; HOPE TO SAWMILL CREEK

**Additional Descriptions:** **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.

**Drift Nets on condition that:**

1. They do not exceed a maximum of 50 fathoms or 300 feet in length; and a maximum depth of 60 meshes with a minimum mesh size of eight (8") inches and a maximum 3:1 hang ratio.
2. There may be only one Drift Net fished from any vessel.
3. Each Drift Net shall be attended at all times by the Participant who is fishing the net.
4. No vessel fishing under the authority of the Licence may have on board, in a hung condition (on the drum), any Drift Net in excess of 50 fathoms in length.
5. 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**

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.

#### **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 Laidlaw**

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 a line from the mouth of Jones Creek on the south bank of the Fraser River, thence northwest to the north bank of the Fraser River.

#### **Subarea 8 - Laidlaw to Hope Bridge**

Those waters of the Fraser River bounded on the west by a line from the mouth of Jones Creek on the south bank of the Fraser River, thence northwest to the north bank of the Fraser River, 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 subarea 10, drift net fishing is prohibited between the boundary signs located 400 meters downstream 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 Nations' means the Aitchellitz, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw Kwaw Apilt, Leq'a:mel, Matsqui, Peters, Popkum, Seabird Island, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Skwah, Skway, Soowahlie, Squiala, Sumas, Tzeachten, Union Bar and the Yakwekwioose First Nations;

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

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

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



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'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 Chinook salmon, with incidental harvest of Chum salmon and hatchery marked Coho salmon.

All efforts and attempts shall be made to return all non-target species including Sockeye salmon, wild Coho salmon, Steelhead and Sturgeon to the water alive and unharmed.

Sockeye salmon, wild Coho salmon, Steelhead and Sturgeon must not be retained.

### **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 Individuals**

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 at the FVAFS (Tel: (604)858-8588, Fax: (604)858-9959) immediately following the Fishery. The FVAFS will collect all catch statistics and report this information to Karen Burnett, Management Biologist at the DFO office at Annacis Island (Tel: (604) 666-4819 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 Karen Burnett, Resource Management Biologist at the DFO office at Annacis Island (Tel: (604) 666-4819, 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. This



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information will be provided to DFO Resource Management staff at Fax: (604) 666-7112 and Dale Joe – FVAFS Department at (604) 858-9959 and Kim Charlie, Sts'ailes Fisheries Authority 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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