



Fisheries Update September 6th

Upcoming Fisheries...

Tonight September 6th 7 pm – 11pm Chinook Economic Opportunity Fishery

Species: Target Chinook (Non-Retention of Sockeye)

Gear: Gil Net (Max mesh size 6 inches)

Area: Fishing is authorized in the following area portions of Subarea 23-1, from the tidal boundary signs at Paper Mill Dam in the Somass River downstream into the Inlet to a line from Polly Point across to Stamp Point on the opposite shore

Use of Fish: Sales of Chinook and Coho are permitted.

General Fishery Reminders...

- Please ensure you have all safety equipment on board during fisheries
- Nets should have lights at each end during night fisheries. Extra buoys are recommended to increase visibility as well.
- Nets should not impede boat traffic and nets are not permitted to be tied to navigational markers.

Sunday September 9th 7 pm – 11pm Chinook FSC Fishery

Species: Target Chinook and Coho (Non-Retention of Sockeye)

Gear: Gil Net (Max mesh size 6 inches)

Area: Fishing is authorized in the following area portions of subarea 23-1 and subarea 23-2 from the tidal boundary signs at Paper Mill Dam in the Somass River downstream into the Inlet to a line from Hocking Point due east to the opposite shore.

Use of Fish: The fish caught during opening will be for distribution to the community. A limited number of fishers will be designated to fish for the community. Only fishers that have been designated and appear on the licence will be permitted to fish.

Fish Distribution Monday September 10th

Hupacasath First Nation is planning to hold a distribution of Chinook and coho Monday, September 10, 2018. Check in will be open from 11 am till Noon with the distribution starting at Noon.



The fisheries department is looking at options to make it allowable for these fish to be sold. If this is possible it will be communicated VIA email and Facebook. If this is not possible the fish that are distributed will be for Food, Social and Ceremonial purposes and as such **NO SALES WILL BE PERMITTED**. Please bring appropriate containers to transport your fish. The distribution will happen once the check-in period closes and is anticipated to last until approximately 1pm. If you leave and have not returned by this time your share will be forfeited. At this time any remaining fish will be handed out or sent for processing.

Designations will be permitted for all members.

Special Distribution!

Due to the challenges faced during the 2018 sockeye season Chief and Council have decided to hold a cash distribution to all members of Hupacasath First Nation. The low sockeye returns coupled with the inability to secure a Sales Agreement resulted in the missed opportunity for membership to sell their sockeye. This distribution is meant to help offset this lost income. Membership is asked to show up at the Band Hall between Noon and 7 pm Friday September 7th to receive their share. Any members unable to attend will have their share mailed to their address on file at the office.

Employment Opportunities

The Robertson Creek ESSR harvest will be starting shortly and crew is needed to make this program a success again this year. Please let Graham (250-724-4041 ext 32) know ASAP if you are interesting in being part of the crew this year.