

FISHERIES UPDATE

COMMUNITY NOTICE - JULY 31, 2018



OKANAGAN SOCKEYE RETURN

As of July 27, 2018 about 193,038 Sockeye have entered the Columbia River. It is estimated that 85% of the return is Okanagan. We are anticipating there will be 209,000 sockeye returning in total.

We estimate 70,000-75,000 sockeye have entered Osoyoos Lake with an estimate of about 10,000 to 15,000 sockeye in Skaha Lake.

FOOD FISHING HARVEST

- People were fishing at "sḡwəḡwḡnitk" (s-wuh-wuneet-kw) and nḡaylntn (Ny-lin-tn) since the beginning of July and river temperatures have increased where the sockeye have fallen back into Osoyoos Lake
- Catches so far in Canada for food fisheries are estimated to be about 1,000-2,000 in river.

REC FISHERY ON OSOYOOS LAKE

- There will be a recreational fishery opening on Osoyoos Lake from **August 3-13, 2018** with a 2 Sockeye/day limit. ONA will review catches on August 13, 2018 for consideration of another recreational opening.
- Estimated catch is 2,000 sockeye.

ECONOMIC FISHERY

- There will be an economic fishery with trolling only in Osoyoos Lake from **August 3-31, 2018**. Estimated catch is 3,000 sockeye.

If food fishing:
Please have status card available as DFO enforcement will be out periodically making sure it is only the ONA Members fishing right now.

