

The Sumas First Nation is looking to continue their FSC Chinook directed fishery this week in the Sumas and Vedder River. Details are as follows:

- Thursday July 23, 2020 - 12:00pm to Sunday July 26, 2020 - 9:00pm (81 hours total)
- Max 4 Set nets using 8" mesh or greater with a 3:1 hang ratio and is selective for chinook harvest
- Fisheries to take place in those waters from Kieth Wilson Bridge to the confluence of the Sumas into the Fraser
- Attendance of nets, as the nets are expected to be close proximity so that the vessels can access and check nets regularly.
- Chinook is the only species authorized to be retained all other species to be released.
- Collaborative work is being designed to enhance data collection (DNA, CWT, time of encounters, etc).
- Ongoing dialogue between DFO, First Nation and the Recreational community.
- Expectation is to continue to plan similar fisheries moving forward, including presence of RCMP and DFO C & P.
- The fisheries will be monitored and reported on daily and all catch reports submitted 24 hours after the fishery is over.