

The Tahltan Central Government Fisheries Department (TCGFD) would like to inform Tahltan members that our Food Fishery will begin on **Saturday, July 11, 2021**. We would like to thank members for their patience in holding off past normal fishing start dates. This effort in conservation will help us limit the incidental catches of Chinook salmon that typically occur in the beginning of the Food Fishery. We are still respectfully asking members to **release all healthy Chinook and record them in the catch books provided.**

We are also asking members to take an ultra conservative approach while harvesting their sockeye. The Tahltan Lake sockeye run is expected to come in around **28,000** this year, well below the 10-year average of **67,000** total adult sockeye. Please only take what you need for this year. In this low return year we need to ensure maximum returns to the sockeye spawning grounds.

**Things to remember for this fishing season:**

1. Please see the Catch Monitor or a TCGFD representative to acquire a permit and catch/release book before setting your net
2. Clearly display your permit number on your net site
3. Record all fish caught by species, date, and record any released fish. Released fish numbers are very important data to collect, especially with Chinook salmon
4. Record and turn in any tags found, as well as time and date caught
5. Catches will be collected by the Catch Monitor once a week, can be dropped off with any TCGFD staff member or dropped off at one of our four drop box locations: Glenora, 4-mile, 6-mile, and the bottom of the Tahltan Hill (Telegraph side)
6. The TCGFD samplers Raina Feldman and Fabian Vance will be collecting samples from food fish catches. Please contact us if you wish to have us sample your fish.
7. Fish bags are available from TCGFD staff for \$1 a bag

Happy Fishing Fellow Tahltans!

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