



August 14, 2025

Re: Skeena Steelhead Recreational Fishery Update – 2025 Season

As of August 13, 2025 the [Tyee Test Fishery](#)¹ (the main index of Skeena steelhead abundance) indicates the Skeena aggregate run of steelhead will be low for 2025. The test fishery estimates the current run past Tyee is 7,967 steelhead.

The threshold for Extreme Conservation Concern is 8,000 steelhead. There is a strong (97%) probability the run will exceed this minimum escapement number.

The [Interim Skeena Steelhead Abundance Framework](#)² identifies August 15 as the deadline for a regulation recommendation. This date represents a balance between fisheries managers having sufficient data to support a reliable determination, and as early a date as possible for greater user group certainty. Based on current return estimates, the following decision has been made as of August 14, 2025:

- The fishery will proceed as normal; there is no expectation that major regulatory action (such as early closures) will be required to meet conservation objectives.
- This decision does not limit the use of specific time and area closures or emergency closures should local circumstances or changing conditions warrant. Please visit [Freshwater Fisheries Regulations](#)³ for in-season regulation updates.

Please observe steelhead conservation and best management practices such as "keeping steelhead wet".

The Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship will continue to work with First Nations in the Skeena watershed, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Conservation Officer Service and angling stakeholders to support steelhead conservation.

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¹<https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/northcoast-cotenord/skeenaTyee-eng.html>

²https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/fish-fish-habitat/fishery-resources/region-6-skeena/skeena_steelhead_iterim_recommendations_framework.pdf

³<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/fishing/fishing-regulations>