

COSEWIC/SARA Salmon and Steelhead Timelines – effective January 2019

Species	# of DUs*	COSEWIC* Assessment Date	COSEWIC *Status	COSEWIC* Annual Report Date
Sakimaw Sockeye	1	2016 (April)	EN	Oct 2016
Interior Fraser Coho	1	2016 (November)	TH	Oct 2017
Okanagan Chinook	1	2017 (April)	EN	Oct 2017
Fraser Sockeye (Group I)	24	2017 (November)	8 EN, 2 TH, 5 SC, 9 NAR	Oct 2018
Steelhead Trout (Thompson & Chilcotin)	2	2018 (January)	2 EN (Emergency)**	N/A
Southern BC Chinook (Group I)	16	2018 (November)	8 EN, 4 TH, 1 SC, 1 NAR, 2 DD	Anticipated Oct 2019
Fraser Sockeye (Group II)	7	2019 (November)	Assessment not yet performed	Anticipated Oct 2020
Steelhead Trout (Thompson & Chilcotin)	2	2019 (November)	Re-assessment not yet performed (non-emergency)	Anticipated Oct 2020
Southern BC Chinook (Group II)	12	TBD	Assessment not yet performed	TBD

EN – Endangered, TH – Threatened, SC – Special Concern, NAR – Not at Risk, DD – Data Deficient

Announced November 27, 2017, two timelines for listing decisions for aquatic species:

- 24 months from Government of Canada (GoC) Receipt of Assessment for “simple species”.
 - ✓ Requires recommendation to be submitted to Governor in Council (GiC) w/in 15 months.
- 36 months from GoC Receipt of Assessment for “complex species” (e.g. salmon).
 - ✓ Requires recommendation to be submitted to GiC w/in 27 months.

Standard is to be applied:

- In full to all species assessed Nov 2017 onwards, includes Fraser Sockeye and Southern BC Chinook.
- To the greatest extent possible to species in the 2017 COSEWIC Annual Report (includes Okanagan Chinook and Interior Fraser Coho).

DFO will advise the List be amended for a species as assessed by COSEWIC, unless there is a Compelling Rationale not to do so.

When providing Do Not List Advice, DFO must:

- Provide Compelling Rationale.
- Create and implement work plan if DFO will undertake incremental activities
- Report on work plan progress after 5 years.

Compelling Rationale must address:

- Alternative recovery approach and expected outcomes in absence of listing.
- Net benefits to Canadians of Do Not List decision.

Compelling Rationale is developed in consideration of multiple sources of information including:

- COSEWIC Assessment, Recovery Potential Assessment, consultation results, approved management scenarios and their impacts, analysis of costs and benefits.

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