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Conservation & Recovery Plan

Talo (Early Stuart sockeye) have the longest migration journey of all Fraser River sockeye. During this long migration and throughout their entire life cycle, these unique sockeye face many threats and pressures. Their population continues to decline and urgent action is needed. The Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance, Binche Nation, Nak'azdli Whuten, Takla Nation, Tl'azt'en Nation, Yekooche Nation, the Province of B.C. and Fisheries and Oceans Canada are working together to develop a plan for the conservation, protection, and recovery of healthy waters and ecosystems for Talo/Early Stuart sockeye, and in turn, the sockeye themselves, and all those that interact and depend on them.

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Let's Work Together

Healthy Waters & Ecosystems

Talo/Early Stuart Sockeye – Everything is Connected



Credit: Takla Nation



Credit: DFO



Talo/Early Stuart sockeye's ecological, cultural, and spiritual importance cannot be overstated. **Talo** are the vital link, connecting freshwater ecosystems and the ocean, connecting all living things: people, plants, insects, mammals, birds, soil, everything.

North of Ft. St. James, B.C., more than thirty different streams provide spawning habitat for **Talo**/Early Stuart sockeye. Takla and Trembleur Lakes provide critical rearing habitat for the **Talo** fry to rear in, before making the long migration down the Nechako and Fraser Rivers, to the Pacific Ocean.

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Planning

Our team will explore all potential threats and pressures that may impact each life stage of Talo. We will examine habitat, harvest, hatchery, health, and hydrology, their potential positive and negative impacts, and explore potential management actions to assist Talo and their ecosystem. In the next few years, a plan will be collaboratively developed, outlining what can be done to help Talo and those that depend on and interact with them.

Current work:

- Creating a vision/mandate
- Setting biological, cultural, ecological, and social objectives
- Identifying additional participants
- Identifying the drivers, pressures, and threats to all life stages
- Identifying possible early actions that can be taken
- Celebrating and releasing juvenile hatchery Talo

Future work:

- Exploring all potential management measures
 - Recommending management actions to all of those that potentially impact Talo/ Early Stuart sockeye salmon
- Implementing management actions
- Monitoring & adaptively managing actions to ensure successful implementation



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