

Monday, August 11, 2003

At the meeting today, the Panel approved a provisional run size estimate for Summer-run sockeye of 3,360,000 fish, which is the pre-season 50% probability forecast level. The provisional run-size estimate for Early Summer-run sockeye remains unchanged at 550,000 fish.

The Fraser Panel announced the following regulations:

CANADIAN PANEL AREA WATERS:

Area 29-1 to 7 and 9 to 17. Open for Area E Gillnet, 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 13 to 8:00 a.m., Thursday, August 14.

Area 18-1,4 and 11; and Area 29-1 to 6: No change to regulations. Open for Area H Individual Quota Project Fishery until further notice.

Area 18-1,4 and 11; and Area 29-1 to 6: No change to regulations. Open for Area H Troll Full Fleet Fishery until further notice.

Area B seine assessment fishery: No change to regulations. Open for 10 seine vessels fishing under the authority of a scientific licence in Area 20 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 11.

UNITED STATES PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: No change to regulations. Open for drift gillnets to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 13.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: No change to regulations. Open for net fishing until 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 13.

NON INDIAN FISHERY

Areas 7 and 7A: No change to regulations. Reef nets open 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 12.

Note: Fishers catching a radio-tagged sockeye (which will have a thin wire antenna protruding from the mouth and an external, blue Floy tag attached to the antenna) are requested to please contact the following phone number, which is toll free in Canada and the U.S. 1-877-666-7575.

The Panel plans to meet again Tuesday, August 12th.