

Tuesday, August 19, 2003

The Fraser Panel met Tuesday, August 19th to review the status of the Fraser River sockeye migration. In-season run size estimates of 585,000 Early Summer-run sockeye and 3,300,000 Summer-run sockeye were approved by the Panel.

The Fraser River Panel announced the following regulations:

CANADIAN PANEL AREA WATERS:

Remain closed to fishing.

UNITED STATES PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: No change to regulations Open for drift gillnets until 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 20.

***NON INDIAN FISHERIES**

Areas 7, 7A: No change to regulations. Purse seines open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday August 19.

Areas 7, 7A: No change to regulations. Gill nets open 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Tuesday August 19.

Areas 7, 7A: No change to regulations. Reef nets open 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday August 19.

*** Note: U.S. Non-Indian purse seine fishermen planning to fish in Areas 7 and 7A on Saturday, August 16, should check the National Marine Fisheries Service Hotline (1-888-858-9319) to obtain information on Washington State area restrictions that will be in effect in Area 7 during this opening.**

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 Friday, August 22nd.