

Tuesday, September 2, 2003

The Fraser Panel met Tuesday, September 2nd and 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) Friday, September 5.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: No change to regulations. Open for net fishing from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, September 4 to 9:00 p.m., Friday, September 5, southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from the low water range marker in Boundary Bay on the International Boundary through the east tip of Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the East Point Light on Saturna Island in the Province of British Columbia. Purse seines may retain only pink and coho salmon.

NON INDIAN FISHERIES

Areas 7 and 7A: No change to regulations. Purse seines open 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 3, southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from the low water range marker in Boundary Bay on the International Boundary through the east tip of Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the East Point Light on Saturna Island in the Province of British Columbia. Only pink salmon may be retained.

Areas 7, 7A: No change to regulations. Open for Reef nets, 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily to Saturday, September 6. Only pink salmon and marked coho (without an adipose fin) may be retained.

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, September 5th.