

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Fraser River Panel met Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Test fishing catches and daily escapements continue to track below pre-season expectations. Daily abundances of Summer-run and Late-run sockeye continue to track below median forecast levels. At the meeting today, the Panel approved, for management purposes, a provisional pink salmon run-size estimate of 4,800,000 fish with a 50% marine timing through Area 20 of August 24.

On August 27<sup>th</sup> the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 2,004 m<sup>3</sup>/s, which is approximately 24% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 27<sup>th</sup> was 18.3°C, which is 1.1°C higher than average for this date. Fraser River discharge levels and water temperatures will be monitored closely to determine if specific management actions are required during the in-river migratory period to help achieve sockeye and pink salmon escapement goals.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Commercial salmon fisheries in Panel Area waters:

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Remain closed to Commercial salmon fisheries.

**UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Open to drift gillnets from 12 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 29, 2017, to 12 p.m. (noon), Friday, September 1, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to purse seines and drift gillnets from 5 a.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2017, to 9 a.m., Thursday, August 31, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Area 7: Open to reef nets from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

**ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:**

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reef nets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

(Note: U.S. All Citizen fishers should check the U.S. hotline and WDFW regulations before fishing as there are additional State of Washington regulations, including time restrictions that may be in effect).

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 1:00p.m.