

Friday, July 27, 2018

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 27 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

At the meeting today, the Panel adopted an Early Stuart run size of 135,000 with a 50% marine timing through Area 20 of July 5. Assessments of Early Summer-run sockeye abundance are ongoing and run-size estimates should be available in early August after their peak migration through marine areas.

On July 26, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 3,998 cms, which is approximately 14% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 26 was 18.0 °C, which is 0.2°C above average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures are forecast to reach 20.4°C over the next few days. Sustained water temperatures in this range can cause severe stress to migrating sockeye and may lead to significant en route mortality. Migration conditions for Fraser sockeye will be monitored closely over the next several weeks and appropriate management actions will be taken.

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Remain closed to commercial fishing.

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

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: As previously announced, Open to drift gillnets 12:00 p.m. (noon), Friday, July 27, 2018, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extend for drift gillnets 12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, July 31, 2018, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 01, 2018.

**ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:**

Remains closed to fishing.

(Note: U. S. Non-Treaty 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 Tuesday, July 31, 2018.