

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 31 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

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 30, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 3,391 cms, which is approximately 23% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 30 was 19.8°C, which is 1.8°C above average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures are forecast to reach 19.6°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, extended for drift gillnets 12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, July 31, 2018, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 01, 2018

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extended for drift gillnets 12:00 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 01, 2018, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 04, 2018

Areas 6, 7, 7A: Open for net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Thursday August 2, 2018 to 9:00 a.m. Friday August 3, 2018 and from 5:00 a.m. Saturday August 4, 2018 through 9:00 a.m. Sunday August 5, 2018

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines from 5:00 a.m., to 9:00 p.m., Friday August 3, 2018

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to drift gillnets from 8:00 a.m., to 11:59 p.m., Friday August 3, 2018

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reefnets from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday August 6, 2018

(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 Friday, August 3, 2018.