

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, August 7 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 125,000 with a 50% marine timing through Area 20 of July 4. 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 August 6, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 3,187 cms, which is approximately 19% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 6 was 20.3°C, which is 2.3°C above average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures are forecast to increase to 21.2°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:**

Area 18-1, 18-11 and Area 29-1 to 6: As previously announced, open to Area H troll ITQ fishery from 12:01 a.m. Monday August 6, 2018 until further notice (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details)

Area 29: Portions of 29-3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 to 17: As previously announced, open to Area E gillnets from 7:00 a.m., Wednesday August 8 to 7:00 a.m., Thursday August 9, 2018 (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details)

#### **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), Saturday, August 04, 2018, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 08, 2018

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extended for drift gillnets 12:00 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 08, 2018, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 11, 2018

Areas 6, 7, 7A: As previously announced, open for net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Tuesday August 7, 2018 to 9:00 a.m. Thursday August 9, 2018

**ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:**

Areas 7 and 7A: As previously announced, open to reefnets from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 8, 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 10, 2018.