

REVISED
Friday, August 17, 2018

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 17 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 and Summer-run sockeye abundance are ongoing and run-size estimates should be available in mid-August.

On August 16, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 2,731 cms, which is approximately 17% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 16 was 19.2°C, which is 1.2°C above average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures are forecast to increase to 19.5°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: Open to Area E gillnets from 10:00 a.m., to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday August 21, 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: Extended for drift gillnets 12:00 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 18, 2018, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 22, 2018

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: As previously announced, open to purse seines from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 17, 2018

Areas 7 and 7A: As previously announced, open to drift gillnets from 2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday, August 17, 2018

Areas 7 and 7A: As previously announced, open to reefnets from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, August 18, 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 Tuesday, August 21, 2018.