

REVISED
Friday, August 24, 2018

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 24 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, Summer and Late-run sockeye abundance are ongoing and run-size estimates should be available later in August. Test fishing catches indicate 29% of the Fraser sockeye are currently passing through Johnstone Strait.

On August 23, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 2,187 cms, which is approximately 24% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 23 was 18.0°C, which is 0.3°C above average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures are forecast to decrease to 17.2°C over the next few days.

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)

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: As previously announced, extended for drift gillnets 1:00 p.m, to 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 24, 2018

Areas 6, 7, 7A: As previously announced, extended for drift gillnet fishing from 1:00 p.m., to 11:59 p.m., Friday August 24, 2018

Areas 6, 7, 7A: As previously announced, extended for purse seine fishing from 1:00 p.m., to 9:00 p.m., Friday August 24, 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 Monday, August 27, 2018.