

REVISED
Monday, August 27, 2018

The Fraser River Panel met Monday, August 27 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 abundances are ongoing and run-size estimates should be available later in August. Test fishing catches indicate 35% of the Fraser sockeye are currently passing through Johnstone Strait.

On August 26, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 1,979 cms, which is approximately 26% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 26 was 16.9°C, which is 0.4°C below average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures are forecast to decrease to 16.2°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:

Remains closed to fishing

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, August 28, 2018.