

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

The Fraser River Panel met Wednesday, September 19 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 decreased the Summer-run run size to 4.1 million with a 50% marine timing of August 10. The Panel also agreed to using a Late-run sockeye provisional estimate of 5.0 million for planning purposes with a 50% marine timing of August 18.

On September 18, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 1,611 cms, which is approximately 20% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on September 18 was 13.8°C, which is 0.6°C below average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures are forecast to decrease to 13.5°C over the next few days.

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

Area 29: Portions of Subareas 29-3, 4, 6 and 10 (seaward of the 45 meter depth contour):
Open to Area B purse seine ITQ from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily Wednesday, September 12, 2018 until further notice (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details)

Area 18-1, 18-11 and Area 29-1 to 6: Open to Area H troll ITQ fishery from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday September 12, 2018 until further notice (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details)

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY & ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Remains closed to fishing

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, September 21, 2018.