

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, August 24, to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. It is currently estimated that 1,264,400 and 193,000 sockeye and pink salmon, respectively, have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site, and 13,600 sockeye and 9,500 pink salmon have been caught downstream of Mission. The Panel made no changes to run size at today's meeting.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on August 23 was 2,469 cms, which is approximately 14% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on August 23 was 17.4<sup>0</sup>C, which is 0.7 <sup>0</sup>C less than average for this date. At the Big Bar landslide site, discharge levels remain below the historical average, and natural salmon passage is continuing. Fraser River discharge levels and water temperatures will be monitored closely to determine if specific management actions are required during the in-river migratory period to help achieve sockeye escapement goals.

#### **CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS**

All Canadian Panel Area waters remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

#### **UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS**

##### **TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Extend for drift gillnet fishing from 12 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 25, 2021, through 12 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 28, 2021. Sockeye non-retention, all efforts must be made to release sockeye alive.

##### **ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:**

Areas 7 and 7A, excluding apex: Open to purse seine fishing, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, August 27, 2021.

Areas 7 and 7A, excluding apex: Open to drift gillnet fishing, with non-retention of sockeye, from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Friday, August 27, 2021.

The apex is those waters north and west of the “Iwersen Point Line,” defined as a line projected 233 degrees true from ruins of the Iwersen Dock (48°58’30.6”N, 123°5’6.5”W) on Point Roberts to the Active Pass Light (48°52’23”N, 123°17’26”W) on Georgina Point, Mayne Island, British Columbia, Canada.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, August 27, 2021.