

Monday, August 30, 2021

The Fraser River Panel met Monday, August 30, 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 1,488,100 and 1,006,800 sockeye and pink salmon, respectively, have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site, and 14,800 sockeye and 68,300 pink salmon have been caught downstream of Mission. The Panel adopted a Late-run run size of 234,000, with an associated Area 20 timing of August 16, and a pink salmon run size of 5,700,000, with an associated Area 20 timing of August 18 at today's meeting.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on August 29 was 2,069 cms, which is approximately 19% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on August 29 was 17.6⁰C, which is 0.2⁰C greater 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, September 1, 2021, through 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, September 4, 2021. Sockeye non-retention, all efforts must be made to release sockeye alive.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A in the area southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from Iwersen dock on Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia: Open for net fishing from 5 a.m., Tuesday, August 31, 2021, through 9 a.m., Thursday, September 2, 2021. Sockeye non-retention, all efforts must be made to release sockeye alive.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A in the area southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from Iwersen dock on Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia: Open to purse seine fishing, with non-retention

of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, 2021, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Areas 7 and 7A in the area southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from Iwersen dock on Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia: Open to drift gillnet fishing, with non-retention of sockeye, from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, 2021, and from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Area 7: Open to reef net fishing, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, 2021, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, September 3, 2021.