

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 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 1,860,000 and 3,036,500 sockeye and pink salmon, respectively, have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site, and 15,700 sockeye and 179,700 pink salmon have been caught downstream of Mission. The Panel adopted run sizes of 1,550,000, with an associated Area 20 timing of August 4 and a proportional management adjustment of 0.18, for Summer-run sockeye, 320,000, with an associated Area 20 timing of August 18, for Late-run sockeye, and 6,000,000, with an associated Area 20 timing of August 19, for pink salmon.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on September 6 was 1,693 cms, which is approximately 30% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on September 6 was 16.5°C, which is equal to the historical 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: Open for drift gillnet fishing from 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, September 8, 2021, through 12 p.m. (noon), Friday September 10, 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 the 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., Wednesday, September 8, 2021, through 9 a.m., Friday, September 10, 2021. Sockeye non-retention, all efforts must be made to release sockeye alive.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, September 10, 2021.