

Friday, September 17, 2021

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, September 17, 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 2,031,700 and 6,824,000 sockeye and pink salmon, respectively, have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site, and 15,900 sockeye and 211,500 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 September 16 was 1,699 cms, which is approximately 18% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on September 16 was 15.5⁰C, which is 0.3⁰C above 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

Areas 29-3, 29-4, and 29-6: Extend for Area H troll ITQ from 11:59 p.m. Saturday, September 18, 2021 to 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Non-retention of sockeye. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details)

Areas 29-6, 29-7, 29-9, and 29-10: Area B purse seine ITQ fishery closing as scheduled at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18, 2021.

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Relinquish regulatory control effective 23:59 p.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021, as previously scheduled.

Areas 6, 6A, and 7: Relinquish regulatory control effective 11:59 p.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.