

Friday, August 12, 2022

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 12, to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

It is currently estimated that 1,523,500 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted a run size of 244,000 for Early Stuart sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of July 6 and a run size of 792,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of August 4 for Early Summer-run sockeye at today's meeting.

On August 11 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 4,194 cms, which is approximately 19% higher than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 11 was 18.9°C, which is 0.4°C above average for this date. 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 TRIBAL FISHERY:

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Extend for drift gillnet fishing from 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 13, 2022 through 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open for net fishing from 5 a.m., Saturday, August 13, 2022 through 9 a.m. Monday, August 15, 2022.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7: Open for reef net fishing from 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Saturday, August 13, 2022.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.