

Thursday, August 18, 2022

The Fraser River Panel met Thursday, August 18, 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 2,096,100 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted a run size of 627,000 for Early Summer-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of July 31, a run size of 4,403,00 (p50 forecast abundance level) for Summer-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of August 15, and a run size of 2,000,000 for Late-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of August 18.

On August 17 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3,836 cms, which is approximately 23% higher than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 17 was 19.9⁰C, which is 1.3⁰C 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), Friday, August 19, 2022, through 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open for net fishing from 5 a.m., Sunday, August 21, 2022 through 9 a.m., Monday, August 22, 2022.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for purse seine fishing from 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 2022.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for drift gillnet fishing from 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 2022.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.