

Friday, September 16, 2022

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, September 16, 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 4,964,000 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustic site. The Panel adopted a run size of 3,800,000 for Summer-run sockeye and a run size of 2,050,000 for Late-run sockeye at today's meeting. There was no change to timing for either management group.

On September 15 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 1,949 cms, which is approximately 8% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on September 15 was 16.8°C, which is 1.6°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

Portions of Subareas 29-6, 29-10 (seaward of 45 meter depth contour): Open to Area B purse seine ITQ fishery from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily until Sunday, September 18. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details).

Subarea 18-1 and Subareas 29-1 to 6: Open to Area H troll ITQ fishery from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, September 7, 2022 until further notice (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details).

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS

All United States Panel Area waters remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.