

Friday, August 18, 2023

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 18, 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 689,300 sockeye and 31,500 pink salmon have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted a run size of 310,000 Early Summer-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of July 24, 800,000 Summer-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of August 13 and 17,000,000 pink salmon with an associated Area 20 timing of August 13.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on August 17 was 2,188 cms, which is approximately 29% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on August 17 was 20.8°C, which is 2.2°C greater than the historical 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: Open to drift gillnet fishing from 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 19, 2023, through 12 p.m. (noon) Tuesday August 22, 2023.

Areas 6, 7 and 7A: Open to net fishing from 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Sunday, August 20, 2023.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.