

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, August 22, 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 1,011,500 sockeye and 113,700 pink salmon have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted a run size of 335,000 Early Summer-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of July 26, 950,000 Summer-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of August 13 and 280,000 Late-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of August 17.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on August 21 was 2,180 cms, which is approximately 25% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on August 21 was 18.6⁰C, which is 0.2⁰C 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

Areas 29-3, 29-4, and 29-6: Open for Area H troll ITQ fishery not earlier than 00:01 Thursday, August 24, 2023. Non-retention of sockeye. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details)

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), Tuesday, August 22, 2023 through 12 p.m. (noon), Friday, August 25, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open for net fishing from 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2023 and 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for purse seine fishing from 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 2023 and 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for drift gillnet fishing from 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 2023 and 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

Areas 7: Open for reef net fishing 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 2023, and 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, August 25, 2023.