

Friday, August 25, 2023

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 25, 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 1,186,300 sockeye and 533,300 pink salmon have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on August 24 was 1,998 cms, which is approximately 28% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on August 24 was 17.7°C, which is 0.2°C below 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), Friday, August 25, 2023 through 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 30, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open for net fishing 5 a.m., Saturday, August 26, 2023 through 9 a.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for purse seine fishing 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Saturday, August 26, 2023; 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Sunday, August 27, 2023; 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2023; and 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for drift gillnet fishing from 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 26, 2023; 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 27, 2023; 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2023; and 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

Areas 7: Open for reef net fishing 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Saturday, August 26, 2023; 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Sunday, August 27, 2023; 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2023; and 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.