

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, September 5, 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 1,471,900 sockeye and 3,752,800 pink salmon have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on September 4 was 1,658 cms, which is approximately 31% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on September 4 was 18.3°C, which is 1.6°C above 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 29-4 and 29-6: As previously announced, open for Area H troll ITQ pink fishery not earlier than 00:01 Saturday, September 2, 2023 until further notice. Non-retention of sockeye. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details)

Areas 29-4, 29-6, 29-7 and 29-9: Open for Area B seine ITQ pink fishery from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily from Wednesday, September 6, 2023 to Friday, September 15, 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), Wednesday, September 6, 2023 through 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, September 9, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Extend for net fishing from 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2023 through 9 a.m., Saturday, September 9, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for purse seine fishing 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2023; 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2023; and 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Friday, September 8, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for drift gillnet fishing from 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2023; 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2023; and 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Friday, September 8, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

Area 7: Open for reef net fishing 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2023; 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2023; 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., and Friday, September 8, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, September 8, 2023.