

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, September 12, 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 1,564,900 sockeye and 6,084,700 pink salmon have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. At today's meeting, the Panel reduced the Fraser pink salmon run size to 15 million with an associated Area 20 timing of August 20.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on September 11 was 1,383 cms, which is approximately 37% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on September 11 was 17.3°C, which is 1.4°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 29-3, 29-4 and 29-6: Open for Area H troll ITQ fishery not earlier than 00:01 Saturday, September 2, 2023. Non-retention of sockeye. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details)

Areas 29-3, 29-4, 29-6, 29-7, 29-9 and 29-10: Open for Area B seine ITQ fishery not earlier than 06:00 Sunday, September 3, 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 6, 7, and 7A: Extend for net fishing from 9 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Sockeye must be released.

##### **TREATY TRIBAL and ALL CITIZEN FISHERIES:**

Areas 6, 7, and 7A, excluding the Apex: Relinquish regulatory control effective 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2023. The Apex is those waters north and west of the Area 7A "East Point Line," defined as a line projected from the low water range marker in Boundary Bay on the International Boundary through the east tip of Point Roberts in the state of Washington to the East Point light on Saturna Island in the Province of British Columbia.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, September 15, 2023.