

Friday, September 15, 2023

On Friday, September 15, the Fraser River Panel received an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon to review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. It is currently estimated that 1,578,500 sockeye and 7,510,800 pink salmon have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on September 14 was 1,291 cms, which is approximately 40% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on September 14 was 17.1°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 29-3, 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

All United States Panel Area waters remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.