

Friday, July 29, 2016

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 29 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Test fishing catches and daily escapements are currently tracking below expectations based on the pre-season median forecast level of abundance and pre-season timing forecasts. Stock assessment programs are ongoing and estimates of Early Summer-run and Summer-run sockeye abundance should be available in early August after their peak migration through marine assessment areas.

On July 28 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3,868 cms, which is approximately 15% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on July 28 was 19.3 °C, which is 1.3 °C higher than 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.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Commercial salmon fisheries in Panel Area waters:

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Remain closed to Commercial salmon fisheries.

**UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: As previously announced, extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, July 27, 2016, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, July 30, 2016.

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon), Saturday, July 30, 2016, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 3, 2016.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is tentatively scheduled to occur on Monday, August 1, 2016.