

Friday, August 15, 2025

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 15 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 3,123,000 sockeye and 46,700 pink salmon have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted a run size of 400,000 for Early Summer run sockeye. There was no change to timing or the proportional Management Adjustment (pMA). A run size of 7,500,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of August 14 with a pMA of 0.28 for Summer run sockeye and a run size of 1,000,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of August 20 with a pMA of 0.92 for Late run sockeye was also adopted by the Panel at today's meeting.

On August 14, the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 2,290 cms, which is approximately 30% below the average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on August 14 was 20.5°C which is 1.9°C above the average for this date. Fraser River discharge levels, water temperatures and migration conditions in the Chilcotin River 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

Pacific Fishery Management Areas 29-3, 29-4, 29-6: Open for Area H troll ITQ sockeye fishery not earlier than 00:01 on August 16 to no later than 23:59 on August 19. Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details.

Pacific Fishery Management Areas Subareas 29-11 to 29-17: Open for Area E gillnet ITQ sockeye fishery not earlier than August 18 to no later than August 21. Open would be daily, during daylight hours only. 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 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 16, 2025 through 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open for net fishing 5 a.m., Sunday, August 17, 2025 through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for purse seine fishing 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for drift gillnet fishing 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Area 7: Open for reef net fishing 5 a.m. through 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.