

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, August 11 to receive an update on the migration of the Fraser sockeye runs and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

At the meeting today, the Panel decreased the Early Summer run size estimate from 424,000 fish to 350,000 fish with a 50% marine timing through Area 20 of July 29. At the meeting today, the Panel approved the p10 Summer run-size forecast estimate of 1,701,000 sockeye. Test fishing catches of Fraser pinks in Juan de Fuca and Johnstone Straits have increased over the past few days.

On August 10, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was 2,558 cms, which is approximately 31% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 10 was 19.2 °C, which is 1.0 °C higher than average for this date. Fraser River temperatures are forecast to reach 20.4 °C by August 16. 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) Saturday, August 8, 2015 through 12:00 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 12, 2015.

Areas 6, 7 and 7A: Remain closed to Commercial salmon fisheries.

**ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:**

Remain closed to Commercial salmon fisheries

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, August 14, 2015.