

Thursday, September 25, 2014

The Fraser River Panel met Thursday, September 25 to review stock assessment data on the Fraser River sockeye runs, consider harvest opportunities and review migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

At the meeting today the run-size estimate of 7,900,000 Summer-run sockeye was increased to 8,100,000 fish making the total 2014 Fraser River sockeye run-size estimate 21,033,500. The current adopted run-sizes, by management group are 233,500 Early Stuart, 1,900,000 Early Summer-run, 8,100,000 Summer-run and 10,800,000 Late-run sockeye.

The migration of Late-run sockeye past Mission and Hells Gate has been strong over the past several days. The daily passage of sockeye past Mission has declined over the past few days and those sockeye that are remaining in the Strait of Georgia are expected to enter the Fraser River and migrate upstream over the next few weeks.

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

Area 29-1 to 6: As previously announced, open to Area H troll ITQ fishery from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday August 6, 2014 until further notice. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).

Area 29-1 to 6: The Area H troll ITQ fishery closes at 9:00 p.m. Saturday September 27, 2014. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).

Area 29-3, 29-4, 29-6, and 29-10: As previously announced, open to Area B purse seine ITQ fishery in waters deeper than 45 meters from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily beginning Tuesday, September 23, 2014 until further notice. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details).

Area 29-3, 29-4, 29-6, and 29-10: The Area B purse seine ITQ fishery closes at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, September 27, 2014. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details).

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:

Area 7A: As previously announced open for net fishing from 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2014 through 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Saturday, September 27, 2014.

This is the last scheduled in-season meeting of the Fraser River Panel in 2014.