

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, August 5 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Assessments of Early Summer-run sockeye abundance are ongoing and run-size estimates should be available in early August after their peak migration through marine areas.

On August 4, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 3,642 cms, which is approximately 16% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 4 was 19.8 °C, which is 2.2 °C higher than average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures at Qualark Creek are forecast to be approximately 19.3 °C by August 10. Sustained water temperatures in this range can cause severe stress to migrating sockeye and may lead to significant en route mortality. Migration conditions for Fraser sockeye will be monitored closely over the next several weeks and appropriate management actions will be taken.

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

Area 18-1, 18-4, and 18-11 and Area 29-1 to 6: Open to Area H troll ITQ fishery from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday August 6, 2014 until further notice. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details).

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: As previously announced, open to drift gillnets 12:00 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 2, 2014, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extended for drift gillnets 12:00 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 6, 2014, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 9, 2014.

Areas 6, 7 and 7A: Open to net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Thursday, August 7, 2014 through 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 9, 2014.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Area 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 9, 2014.

Area 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets from 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Saturday, August 9, 2014.

Area 7 and 7A: Open to reefnets from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 10, 2014.

(Note: U. S. Non-Treaty fishers should check the U.S. hotline and WDFW regulations before fishing as there are additional State of Washington regulations, including time restrictions that may be in effect).

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, August 8, 2014.