

The Fraser River Panel met today to review assessment data on Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon, discuss fisheries management plans for the harvest of pink salmon and review environmental conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

At the meeting today, the run size estimate of 520,000 Early Summer-run sockeye was increased to 550,000 fish with 50% marine timing through Area 20 of July 25, which is two days later than expected. The run size estimate of Summer-run sockeye was increased from 2,300,000 to 2,400,000 fish, with 50% marine timing through Area 20 of August 10, which is seven days later than expected. The Panel also adopted a run size estimate of 450,000 Late-run sockeye, with 50% marine timing through Area 20 of August 13, which is one day later than expected. The run size estimate for Fraser River pink salmon was increased from 10,000,000 to 14,000,000 fish, with 50% marine timing through Area 20 of August 25, which is three days earlier than average.

On August 26, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was 2,500 cms, which is approximately 15% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 26 was 18.6 °C, which is 1.6 °C higher than average for this date. Water temperatures are forecast to decrease further over the next several days, which will improve migration conditions for Fraser sockeye.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Panel Area waters:

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Remains closed to fishing.

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

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon), Wednesday August 28, 2013 to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Friday August 30, 2013. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 6,7 and 7A: Open for net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 28 through 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 30, 2013 in the area southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from Iwersen's dock on Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia. Purse seines must release all sockeye. Gillnets may retain sockeye for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

**ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:**

Area 7: Open to reefnets with non-retention of sockeye from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2013, Thursday, August 29, 2013 and Friday, August 30, 2013.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines with non-retention of sockeye from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 30, 2013 in the area southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from Iwersen's dock on Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets with non-retention of sockeye from 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Friday, August 30, 2013 in the area southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from Iwersen's dock on Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia.

(Note: U. S. All Citizen 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 Thursday, August 29, 2013.