

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 estimates of 550,000 Early Summer-run and 2,400,000 Summer-run sockeye were unchanged. The run size estimate of Late-run sockeye was increased from 500,000 to 600,000 fish, with 50% marine timing through Area 20 of August 17, which is five days later than expected. There has been a very strong migration of Fraser River pink salmon through Johnstone Strait over the past week. At the meeting today the run size estimate of Fraser River pink salmon was increased from 16,000,000 to 24,000,000 fish with 50% marine timing of August 29, which is one day later than average.

On September 2, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was 2,250 cms, which is approximately 16% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on September 2 was 18.7 °C, which is 2.4°C higher than average for this date.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Panel Area waters:

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Area 29-6, 29-7 and 29-9: Open to Area B seine ITQ fishery for pink salmon with non-retention of sockeye salmon 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily on Wednesday, September 4 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, extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Friday, August 30, 2013 to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, September 4, 2013. Sockeye salmon may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, September 4, 2013 to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, September 7, 2013. Sockeye salmon may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 6,7 and 7A: As previously announced, open for net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Saturday, August 31 through 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 2, 2013, and from 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2013 through 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 4, 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. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 6,7 and 7A: Extended for net fishing from 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2013 through 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 5, 2013 and open from 5:00 a.m. Friday, September 6, 2013 through 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 7, 2013. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

**ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:**

Area 7: As previously announced, open to reefnets with non-retention of sockeye salmon from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily on Saturday, August 31, 2013, Sunday, September 1, 2013, Monday, September 2, 2013 and Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

Area 7: Open to reefnets with non-retention of sockeye salmon from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, Thursday, September 5, 2013, and Friday, September 6, 2013.

Area 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines with non-retention of sockeye salmon from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, September 5, 2013.

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Area 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets with non-retention of sockeye salmon from 8:10 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Thursday, September 5, 2013.

(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 Friday, September 6, 2013.