

Friday, September 13, 2013

The Fraser River Panel met today to review assessment data on Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon and discuss fisheries management plans.

At the meeting today, the run size estimates of 550,000 Early Summer-run, 2,400,000 Summer-run sockeye, and 600,000 Late-run sockeye remained unchanged. The abundance of Fraser River pink salmon migrating through the marine approach routes has declined considerably in recent days. At the meeting today the run size estimate of 26,000,000 Fraser River pink salmon also remained unchanged. Their estimated 50% marine timing through Area 20 is August 28, which is the long term average.

Fraser River discharge and temperature measurements are currently unavailable.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Panel Area waters:

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Area 29-4, 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 Sunday, September 15, 2013 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) Wednesday, September 11, 2013 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, September 14, 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) Saturday, September 14, 2013 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, September 18, 2013. Sockeye salmon may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 6,7 and 7A: Open for net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Saturday, September 14, 2013 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Tuesday, September 17, 2013. Sockeye salmon 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. Wednesday, September 11, 2013, Thursday, September 12, 2013, and Friday, September 13, 2013.

Area 7: Open to reefnets with non-retention of sockeye from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily from Saturday, September 14, 2013 until further notice.

Area 7 and 7A: As previously announced, open to purse seines with non-retention of sockeye salmon from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 13, 2013.

Area 7 and 7A: As previously announced, open to gillnets with non-retention of sockeye salmon from 8:20 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Friday, September 13, 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).

A small-group meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 17, 2013.