

Monday, July 30, 2012

The Fraser River Panel met Monday, July 30 to review assessment data on Fraser River sockeye salmon, plan fisheries and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed

Marine purse seine test fisheries over recent days indicate a stronger migration of Fraser sockeye through the marine assessment areas. At the meeting today, the run size estimate for Early Summer-run sockeye was increased from 420,000 fish to 450,000 fish. The 50% marine timing of Early Summer-run sockeye through Area 20 is now estimated to be July 13, which is three days earlier than expected. Summer-run sockeye are the dominant group migrating through marine assessment areas; however, run size assessments will not be available until after their expected peak migration period through marine assessment areas occurs over the next several days.

On July 29 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was approximately 6,380 cms, which is approximately 37% above average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 29 was 17.5 °C, which is 0.1 °C higher than average for this date.

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Remain closed to fishing.

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

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Open to drift gillnets 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 30, 2012, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

**ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:**

Remains closed to fishing.

(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 Tuesday, July 31, 2012.