

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 31 to review assessment data on Fraser River sockeye salmon, plan fisheries and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed

At the meeting today, the run size estimate for Early Summer-run sockeye was increased from 450,000 fish to 460,000 fish. 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 30 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was approximately 6,200 cms, which is approximately 35% 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: As previously announced, open to drift gillnets 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 30, 2012, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extend for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 1, 2012 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 4, 2012.

Areas 6,7 and 7A: Open to net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Thursday, August 2, 2012 through 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 3, 2012.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reef nets from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets from 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (midnight), Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

(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, August 3, 2012.