

Friday, August 3, 2012

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 3 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 460,000 fish to 510,000 fish. The estimated 50% marine timing of Early Summer-run sockeye through Area 20 is currently estimated to be July 15, which is one day earlier than expected. The estimated daily migration of Summer-run sockeye through marine assessment areas is consistent with either later than expected timing through Area 20 or smaller than forecast level of abundance. An estimate of their run size should be available next week after their peak migration through marine assessment areas has likely occurred.

On August 2 discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was approximately 5,570 cms, which is approximately 26% above average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 1 was 17.8⁰ C, which is 0.2⁰ 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: Extend for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 4, 2012, through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

Areas 6,7 and 7A: Open to net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Saturday, August 4, 2012 through 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 5, 2012.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Remain 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 Monday, August 6, 2012.