

Friday, August 10, 2012

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 10 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 of 550,000 Early Summer-run sockeye was unchanged. At the meeting on August 7 the Panel agreed that Summer-run sockeye run size estimates were consistent with the pre-season forecast of 1,585,000 fish and at the meeting today this assessment was unchanged. The Panel approved a run size estimate of 200,000 Late-run sockeye at the meeting today.

On August 9 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was approximately 4,700 cms, which is approximately 18% above average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 8 was 19.4 °C, which is 1.5 °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:

Please note change to previously announced Treaty Indian fishery below:

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: The previously announced fishery to extend drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 8, 2012 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 11, 2012 has been modified. This fishery will now close at 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 10, 2012.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY

Areas 7 and 7A: As previously announced: open to reef nets from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 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 Tuesday, August 14, 2012.