

Friday, August 17, 2012

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 17 to review assessment data on Fraser River sockeye salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Marine purse seine test fisheries indicate declining migration of Fraser sockeye over the past several days. At the meeting today, the Panel increased the run size estimate for Early Stuart sockeye from 180,000 to 185,000 fish. The run size estimates of 550,000 Early Summer-run sockeye and 1,300,000 Summer-run sockeye were unchanged at the meeting today. The Panel approved an increase in the run size estimate of 200,000 Late-run sockeye to 250,000 fish. The estimated 50% marine timing of Late-run sockeye through Area 20 is currently estimated to be August 5, which is six days earlier than expected.

On August 16 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was approximately 3,900 cms, which is approximately 11% above average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 16 was 18.2⁰ C, which is 0.6⁰ 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:

Remains closed to fishing.

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, August 21, 2012.