

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, August 21 to review assessment data on Fraser River sockeye salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

The marine migration of Fraser sockeye is declining with most of the migration presently occurring through the Johnstone Strait approach route. The run size estimates of 185,000 Early Stuart, 550,000 Early Summer-run, and 1,300,000 Summer-run sockeye were unchanged at the meeting today. The Panel approved an increase in the run size estimate of 250,000 Late-run sockeye to 260,000 fish. The estimated 50% marine timing of Late-run sockeye through Area 20 is estimated to be August 5, which is six days earlier than expected.

On August 20 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was approximately 3,360 cms, which is approximately 10% above average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 20 was 19.4 °C, which is 1.9 °C higher than average for this date.

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Remain closed to fishing.

Area 20: Relinquish regulatory control effective 12:01 a.m., Sunday, August 26, 2012.

Areas 11, 17, 18: Relinquish regulatory control effective 12:01 a.m., Sunday, September 16, 2012.

Area 29: Relinquish regulatory control effective 12:01 a.m., Sunday, September 30, 2012.

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

Remain closed to fishing.

Areas 4B, 5, 6C: Relinquish regulatory control effective 12:01 a.m., Sunday, September 2, 2012.

Areas 6, 6A, 7, 7A: Relinquish regulatory control effective 12:01 a.m., Sunday, September 2, 2012.

**This is the final scheduled full in-season Fraser River Panel meeting in 2012.**