

Monday, September 12, 2011

The Fraser River Panel met Monday, September 12, 2011 to receive an update on the migration of the Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon.

At the meeting today the Panel adopted an Early Summer run size of 590,000 sockeye and a Harrison run size of 1,100,000 sockeye. At the meeting today there was no change to the Summer run size of 1,550,000 sockeye, the Birkenhead run size of 325,000 sockeye and the Adams/Weaver run size of 1,000,000 sockeye.

At the meeting today the Panel adopted a Pink salmon run size of 17,500,000 fish. The recent pink salmon Johnstone Strait diversion rate is estimated to be 83%. The pink salmon Juan de Fuca Strait 50% peak migration date was August 28th. Monitoring of Fraser River pink salmon migration will continue.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Panel Area waters:

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

As previously announced: Area 29 – 1 to 6: Area H troll continues until 23:59 hours Tuesday September 13, 2011 for the retention of pink and sockeye salmon. **(Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).**

Area 29 – 1 to 6: Area H troll opens 00:01 hours Wednesday, September 14, 2011 until further notice for the retention of pink salmon only. **(Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).**

As previously announced: Area 18-1, 18-4, 18-11: Area H troll continues until further notice. **(Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).**

As previously announced: Area 29-3, -4, -6, 29-7, 29-9, and 29-10: Portions of these sub-areas open to Area B seine from 06:00 am to 9:00 pm daily from Saturday, September 10, 2011, through Tuesday, September 13, 2011 for the retention of pink salmon only. (Note: This fishery will be monitored closely and could close on short notice, **please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).**

Area 29-3, -4, -6, 29-7, 29-9, and 29-10: Portions of these sub-areas open to Area B seine from 06:00 am to 9:00 pm daily from Wednesday, September 14, 2011 through Friday, September 16, 2011 for the retention of pink salmon only. (Note: This fishery will be monitored closely and could close on short notice, **please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).**

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Open for drift gillnets from 5:00 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

Areas 6, 7 and 7A: Open to net fishing from 5:00 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Tuesday, September 13, 2011, in the area southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from Iwersen's dock on Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia.

NON-TREATY FISHERY:

Remains closed to fishing.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Wednesday, September 14, 2011.