

Monday, August 8, 2011

The Fraser River Panel met Monday, August 8 to receive an update on the migration of the Fraser sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

At the meeting today, the run size estimate of 453,000 Early Summer-run sockeye was unchanged. Summer-run sockeye run size assessments continue to track near their forecast level of abundance if their marine timing is later than expected. Assessments of Late-run sockeye abundance are ongoing. Harrison sockeye abundance assessments indicate that they are tracking higher than forecast.

On August 7, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 5,800 cms, which is about 42% higher than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 7 was 16.4 °C, which is 1.4 °C cooler than average for this date.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Panel Area waters:

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Area 29: Subareas 29-11 to 29-17 and portions of Subareas 29-3, 29-4, 29-6, 29-7, 29-9 and 29-10: Open to Area E gillnets from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2011. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).

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

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: As previously announced, extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 6, 2011 to 12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Tuesday, August 9, 2011 to 12:00 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 10, 2011.

**NON INDIAN FISHERY:**

Remains closed to fishing

(Note: U. S. Non-Treaty 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 9, 2011.