

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, August 9, 2011 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 Panel approved an increase in the run size-estimate for Harrison River sockeye from the forecast of 372,000 fish, to 640,000 fish with marine timing through Area 20 of August 5. Assessments of Late-run sockeye abundance are ongoing.

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: Revised to open for Area E gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon). 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: Extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 10, 2011 to 12:00 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 13, 2011.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to net fishing from 5:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Wednesday, August 10, 2011.

NON INDIAN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets from 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Thursday, August 11, 2011.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2011.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reefnets from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2011.

(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 for Friday, August 12, 2011.