

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, August 23 to receive an update on the migration of the Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon.

At the meeting today the Panel adopted the following run-sizes; 1,000,000 Late Shuswap/Weaver sockeye with an August 12th 50% Area 20 peak migration date and 240,000 Birkenhead sockeye with an August 16th 50% migration date. At the meeting today there were no changes to the Early Summer run size of 480,000 sockeye, the Summer run size of 1,600,000 sockeye and the Harrison run size of 850,000 sockeye.

On August 22nd the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 4,069 cms, which is about 27% higher than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 22nd was 16.7 °C, which is 0.6 °C cooler than average for this date.

The daily migration of Fraser River pink salmon is expected to continue to increase over the next few weeks as they near their expected peak marine migration period near the end of the month.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Panel Area waters:

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS

Area 18 – 1, 18 - 4 and 18 - 11: Area H troll opens 00:01 am Friday, August 26 until further notice. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).

As previously announced:

Area 29: Portions of 29 – 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 to 17: Open to Area E gillnets from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 23, 2011. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).

Area 29 – 1 to 6: Area H troll continues until further 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: Extend for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 24, 2011 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 27, 2011.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Thursday, August 25, 2011 through 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Friday, August 26, 2011.

NON-TREATY FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets from 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reefnets from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2011, Thursday, August 25, 2011, and Friday August 26, 2011.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, August 26, 2011.