

Friday, August 26, 2011

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 26 to receive an update on the migration of the Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon.

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, the Birkenhead run size of 240,000 sockeye and the Late Shuswap / Weaver run size of 1,000,000 sockeye. At the meeting today the Panel adopted a Harrison run size of 950,000 sockeye with an August 6th 50% Area 20 peak migration date.

On August 25th the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 4,286 cms, which is about 42% higher than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 25th was 17.3°C, which is 0.1°C warmer 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 diversion rate of Fraser River pink salmon is currently estimated to be 28%.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Panel Area waters:

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS

Area 29-11 to 29-17 and portions of Area 29-9: Open to Area E gillnet from 09:00 hr Tuesday, August 30, 2011 until 3pm with a possible extension of 4 hrs. (please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).

Portions of Area 29-6, 29-7, 29-9: Open to Area B seine ITQ fishery from 06:00 am to 09:00 pm daily from Saturday August 27, 2011 to Tuesday, August 30, 2011. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).

As previously announced:

Area 18 – 1, 18 - 4 and 18 - 11: Area H troll continues until further notice. (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) Saturday, August 27, 2011 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Tuesday, August 30, 2011.

NON-TREATY FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reefnets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2011, Sunday, August 28, 2011, and Monday August 29, 2011.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Monday, August 29, 2011.