

Friday, August 13, 2010

The Fraser River Panel met Friday August 13 to review stock assessment data on the Fraser River sockeye runs, consider possible fisheries and review migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

At the meeting today, the current run size estimate of 1,600,000 Early Summer-run sockeye was increased to 2,000,000 fish. The Panel also adopted a run size estimate of 2,600,000 Summer-run sockeye. A total abundance assessment for Late-run sockeye should be available later next week, unless their marine migration timing is considerably later than expected. At the meeting today, the provisional run size estimate of 400,000 Harrison sockeye was increased to an estimate of 700,000 fish.

On August 12 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 2,960 cms, which is 19% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 12 was 18.3 °C, which is 0.5 °C above average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures at Qualark Creek are forecast to increase to over the next week. Migration conditions for Fraser sockeye will be monitored closely over the next several weeks and appropriate management actions will be taken.

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Area 18-1, 18-4 and 18-11 and Areas 29 – 1 to 6: As previously announced, open to Area H troll 12:01 a.m. Sunday, August 8, 2010, until further notice (please refer to DFO Fishery Notice FN0617 for further details).

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

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Remains closed to fishing.

**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 Sunday August 15, 2010.