

Sunday, August 15, 2010

The Fraser River Panel met Sunday August 15 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 run size estimate of 2,000,000 Early Summer-run sockeye was increased to 2,400,000 fish with 50% marine timing through Area 20 of August 4. The Panel also increased the run size estimate of 2,600,000 Summer-run sockeye to 3,000,000 fish with 50% marine timing through Area 20 of August 10. The run size estimate of 700,000 Harrison sockeye was unchanged at the meeting today, however it is likely that the estimate will increase as further assessment data are collected. A total abundance assessment for Late-run sockeye should be available later this week, unless their marine migration timing is considerably later than expected.

On August 14 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 2,840 cms, which is 20% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 14 was 18.5 °C, which is 0.8 °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 Notices for further details).

Area 20-1, 3, 4: Open to Area B purse seine, ITQ Demonstration Fishery, daily from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 16, 2010 to Thursday, August 19, 2010 (please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).

#### **UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:** **TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Open for drift gillnets from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 15, 2010 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

Areas 6,7 and 7A: Open to net fishing from 5:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

#### **NON INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reefnets from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

(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 17, 2010.