

Friday, September 10, 2010

The Fraser River Panel met Friday September 10 to review stock assessment data on the Fraser River sockeye runs, consider harvest opportunities and review migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

The marine migration of Fraser sockeye is declining rapidly. It is estimated that approximately 14,500,000 Late-run sockeye are currently delaying in the lower Strait of Georgia. The total run size estimate for Fraser River sockeye this season of 34,546,000 fish was unchanged at the meeting today. The current estimated run sizes by run-timing group are: 105,000 Early Stuart, 3,800,000 Early Summer-run, 5,200,000 Summer-run, and 25,441,000 Late-run sockeye.

Migration conditions for sockeye in the Fraser River are presently satisfactory. They will continue to be monitored closely 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 as of 12:01 a.m. Sunday, August 8, 2010 and continues until further notice (please refer to DFO Fishery Notices for further details).

Area 29: Portions of Subareas 29-3, 4 and 6 (seaward of the 45 meter depth contour): As previously announced, open to Area B purse seine ITQ daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2010 and Friday September 10, 2010.

Area 29: Portions of Subareas 29-3, 4 and 6 (seaward of the 45 meter depth contour): Open to Area B purse seine ITQ daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from Saturday, September 11, 2010 through Monday, September 13, 2010.

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

##### **TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: As previously announced, extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, September 8, 2010 through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Areas 6,7 and 7A: As previously announced, open for net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Thursday, September 9, 2010 through 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Areas 6,7 and 7A: Extended for net fishing from 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 11, 2010 through 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

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

Areas 7 and 7A: As previously announced, open to reefnets daily from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., from Wednesday, September 8, 2010 through Friday, September 10, 2010.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reefnets daily from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., from Saturday, September 11, 2010 through Friday, September 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, September 14, 2010.