

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday September 14 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 12,000,000 Late-run sockeye are currently delaying in the lower Strait of Georgia. The migration of Late-run sockeye past the Mission hydro-acoustic site has been very strong over the past four days. 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).

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

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 6, 7 and 7A: Open for net fishing from 5:00 a.m. Thursday, September 16 through 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Saturday, September 18, 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 Saturday, September 11, 2010 through Friday, September 17, 2010.

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(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 Friday, September 17, 2010.