

Friday, September 14, 2007

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, September 14 to receive an update on the status of the Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon runs.

The marine migration of Fraser sockeye is at low levels of abundance and low catches of pink salmon in the Johnstone Strait purse seine test fishery over the past week indicates that the marine migration of Fraser pinks is also nearing completion.

At the meeting today, the run size estimates for Fraser River sockeye salmon were unchanged: 155,000 Early Summer-run, 650,000 Summer-run, 100,000 Birkenhead, and 510,000 true Late-run sockeye. However, stronger than projected migration of sockeye into the Fraser River over the past several days will result in slightly higher estimates of abundance for some Fraser sockeye runs.

At the meeting today, the Panel approved an increase in the in-season run size estimate for Fraser River pink salmon from 10,000,000 fish to 11,000,000 fish, which is considerably below the pre-season 50% probability level forecast of 19,570,000 fish.

Environmental conditions are satisfactory for the migration of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon en route to their spawning grounds.

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

Remains closed to fishing.

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

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Remains closed to fishing.

**NON INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for reefnets for pink salmon with non-retention of sockeye salmon from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2007, 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday,

September 15, 2007, 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, September 16, 2007, 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday, September 17, 2007, 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 18, 2007, 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 19, 2007, and 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, September 20, 2007 southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from the Iwersen's Dock on Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia.

(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).