

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, September 12 to discuss assessment data on the Fraser River sockeye runs. Most of the marine-area abundance of Fraser sockeye is now comprised of Late-run sockeye delaying in the lower Strait of Georgia.

The run size estimates of 1,450,000 Early Summer-run sockeye and 2,000,000 Summer-run sockeye were unchanged at the meeting today. The run size estimate of 7,500,000 true Late-run sockeye that is being used for planning purposes, was also unchanged at the meeting today.

The water temperature of the Fraser River measured at Qualark Creek was 17.4 °C on September 11. Fraser River water temperatures are forecast to decline rapidly over the next several days. The discharge of the Fraser River today is about 1,380 cms, and continues to be at record low discharge levels.

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

Remain closed to fishing.

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 September 15, 2006.