

Monday, August 22, 2005

The Fraser River Panel met Monday, August 22 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye salmon.

The Fraser River Panel increased the run size estimate of Early Summer-run sockeye from 300,000 fish to 375,000 fish (52% of the 50% probability level forecast of 718,000 fish) at the meeting today. As a result of the increased abundance of Summer-run sockeye migrating through the marine assessment areas over recent days, the Panel approved a run size estimate of 4,500,000 Summer-run sockeye (41% of the 50% probability level forecast of 11,048,000 fish) at the meeting today.

The discharge level in the Fraser River (at Hope) on August 21 was approximately 2,575 cms, which is 21% lower than average and the water temperature of the Fraser River (at Qualark Creek) was 18.3 °C, which is 0.9 °C higher than average for this date.

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

Remain closed to fishing.

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Extended for drift gillnets from 12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 23, 2005, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, August 27, 2005.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to net fishing from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 26, 2005 to 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 27, 2005.

NON INDIAN FISHERY:

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 25, 2005.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reef nets from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 25, 2005.

(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 Wednesday, August 24, 2005.