

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

The Fraser River Panel met Wednesday, August 24 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye salmon and to discuss regulatory actions.

The migration of Fraser River sockeye through the marine assessment areas has continued to be generally strong over recent days. At the meeting today the Panel increased the run size estimate of Early Summer-run sockeye from 375,000 fish to 400,000 fish (56% of the 50% probability level forecast of 718,000 fish). The Panel also approved an increase in the run size estimate of Summer-run sockeye from 4,500,000 fish to 5,000,000 fish (45% of the 50% probability level forecast of 11,048,000 fish).

Fraser River temperature and flow conditions are currently satisfactory for the migration of sockeye and pink salmon.

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

Remain closed to fishing.

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:

No change to regulations noted in the Regulatory Announcement on August 22.

NON INDIAN FISHERY:

No change to regulations noted in the Regulatory Announcement on August 22.

(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, August 26, 2005.