

Monday, September 12, 2005

The Fraser River Panel met Monday, September 12 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon and to discuss regulatory actions.

The run size estimates of 750,000 Early Summer-run sockeye, 7,000,000 Summer-run sockeye and 560,000 Late-run sockeye (excluding Birkenhead sockeye) were unchanged at the meeting today, although the final in-season run size estimate of Early Summer-run sockeye will be slightly larger than 750,000 fish. Abundance estimates of Fraser River pink salmon are tracking at approximately the 75% probability level forecast of 11,698,000 fish, although estimates of their run size continue to be highly uncertain due to variability in assumptions regarding their 50% migratory timing through Area 20.

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

As previously announced by Canada (see DFO Fishery Notice: FN0679): Area 18-1, 18-4, and 18-11 Open to Area H troll 12:01 a.m., Monday, September 12, 2005, until further notice.

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

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Relinquish regulatory control effective 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

No change to regulations noted in the Regulatory Announcement on September 9.

**NON INDIAN FISHERY:**

No change to regulations noted in the Regulatory Announcement on September 9.

(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, September 14, 2005.