

Sunday, August 7, 2005

The Fraser River Panel met Sunday, August 7 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye salmon and discuss fisheries plans.

The abundance of Fraser River sockeye migrating through the northern and southern approach areas to the Fraser River, continues to track far below expectations. The estimated run size of 250,000 Early Summer-run sockeye (35% of the 50% p level forecast of 718,000 fish) was unchanged at the meeting today. Assessments of Summer-run sockeye abundance are tracking below the 75% p level forecast through both marine areas and in the Fraser River.

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), Monday, August 8, 2005, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, August 10, 2005.

NON INDIAN FISHERY:

Remain 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 August 9, 2005.