

Tuesday, July 27, 2004

(Revised)

The Fraser Panel met Tuesday, July 27 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. The Panel adopted a provisional run size estimate of 1,100,000 Early Summer-run sockeye, which is almost 25% higher than their 50% p level forecast of abundance (885,000 fish). Summer-run sockeye abundance is tracking approximately the 50% p level of abundance (3,501,000 fish).

In-river temperature conditions for Fraser River sockeye continue to be adverse. Fraser River discharge at Hope is currently 3,475 cms (27 % lower than normal for this date) and the water temperature (at Qualark Creek) is presently 19.7 °C.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Panel Area waters:

**CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:**

No change to regulations.

**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), Wednesday, July 28, 2004, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, July 31, 2004.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to net fishing from 4:00 a.m., Thursday, July 29, 2004 to 8:00 a.m., Saturday, July 31, 2004.

**NON INDIAN FISHERY:**

(Note: U. S. Non-Treaty fishers should check the U.S. hotline before fishing as additional State of Washington regulations, including time restrictions are in effect).

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines and reef nets from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2004.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets from 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2004.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reef nets from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 1, 2004.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on July 30, 2004.