

Friday, July 27, 2012

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 27 to review assessment data on Fraser River sockeye salmon, plan fisheries and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed

Marine test fisheries indicate a moderate migration of Fraser sockeye through the marine assessment areas over the past several days. At the meeting today, the run size estimate of 180,000 Early Stuart sockeye was unchanged while the run size estimate for Early Summer-run sockeye was increased from 410,000 to 420,000 fish. Summer-run sockeye are the dominant group migrating through marine assessment areas; however, run size assessments will not be available until their expected peak migration period through marine assessment areas between late July and early August.

On July 26 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was approximately 6,600 cms, which is approximately 36% above average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 25 was 16.7⁰ C, which is 0.2⁰ C lower 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: As previously announced, open to drift gillnets 12:00 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, July 25, 2012, to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturday, July 28, 2012.

ALL CITIZEN FISHERY:

Remains closed to fishing.

(Note: U. S. All Citizen 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 July 30, 2012.