

Tuesday, July 08, 2003

The Fraser Panel met Tuesday, July 8th to review the status of the Fraser River sockeye migration. Early Stuart sockeye have been present in Juan de Fuca Strait and the Fraser River for the past 2 weeks. The abundance of this stock has been tracking considerably below both the 50% and 75% pre-season forecast levels. After review of this information, the Panel approved a provisional revision of the Early Stuart run-size to 25,000 sockeye.

Water levels in the Fraser River have been below normal during the sockeye migration to date. Temperatures are favourable for sockeye migration for the time of year.

The Panel will meet again Monday, July 14th.