

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 18 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Test fishing catch and escapement continue to track below the pre-season median forecast level of abundance. The marine migration of Early Stuart sockeye is winding down. At the meeting today, the run size estimate of 50,000 Early Stuart sockeye with a 50% marine timing through Area 20 of July 03 was unchanged. Assessments of Early Summer sockeye are ongoing.

On July 17 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 4,041 cms, which is approximately 24% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 17 was 17.2°C, which is 0.6°C higher than average for this date. Fraser River discharge levels and water temperatures will be monitored closely to determine if specific management actions are required during the in-river migratory period to help achieve sockeye escapement goals.

All Panel Area waters remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, July 21, 2017.