

Friday, September 8th, 2017

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, September 8th to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Daily abundances of Fraser sockeye continue to track below median forecast levels, as do daily abundances of pink salmon. At the meeting today, the panel adopted an Early Stuart run size of 47,000 with marine timing of July 4th, an Early Summer run size of 165,000 with marine timing of August 4th, a Summer run size of 1,044,000 with marine timing of August 11th, a Late run size of 231,000 with marine timing of August 16th, and a pink salmon run-size of 3,700,000, with a 50% marine timing through Area 20 of August 19th.

On September 7th the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 1,884 m³/s, which is approximately 21% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on September 7th was 18.1⁰C, which is 2.1⁰C 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 and pink salmon escapement goals.

All Panel Area waters remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

The Panel did not schedule another in-season meeting, but asked for regular updates on the migration of Fraser sockeye and pink salmon.