

Friday, July 06, 2018

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 06 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Very few sockeye have been caught to-date in Fraser River sockeye test fisheries. The Whonnock gillnet test fishery began on June 22, and the Qualark gillnet test fishery began on July 2. The Qualark and Mission hydroacoustics programs began July 1 and July 5, respectively. Assessments will improve next week with the addition of Cottonwood, Area 20 and Area 12 gill net test fisheries.

On July 05 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 5,208 cms, which is approximately 13% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 05 was 15.5⁰C, which is 0.2⁰C 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 Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

The first Weekly Report will be Friday, July 13, 2018.