

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 10 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. Assessments will improve later this week with the addition of Cottonwood, Area 20 and Area 12 gill net test fisheries.

On July 09 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 4,674 cms, which is approximately 19% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 09 was 16.6<sup>0</sup>C, which is 0.9<sup>0</sup>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 13, 2018.

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