

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, August 25 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. It is currently estimated that approximately 266,000 sockeye salmon have passed the Mission Hydroacoustics site. Overall, the total sockeye run is tracking below the pre-season forecast and closer to abundances associated with the p10 forecast (274,000). No changes were made to the run sizes at today's meeting. The latest update on the rockslide at Big Bar indicates that natural passage continues, with the species composition shifting predominately to sockeye from Chinook.

On August 24, the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3,410 cms, which is approximately 20% above average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 24 was 17.6⁰C, which is the average temperature 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, September 1, 2020.

For more information, please see the Weekly Report, which can be found on the PSC website here:

<https://www.psc.org/publications/fraser-panel-in-season-information/fraser-river-panel-weekly-reports/>