

Friday, July 16, 2021

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 16, to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. It is currently estimated that 44,800 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. To date, 400 sockeye have been caught in marine and in-river test fisheries. Catches remain steady but low in the marine test fisheries. No changes were made to the Early Stuart run size by the Panel at today's meeting.

On July 15 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 4,796 cms, which is approximately 11% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on July 15 was 19°C, which is 2.2°C greater than average for this date. At the Big Bar landslide site, discharge levels have dropped to below the historical average and natural salmon passage is occurring for Chinook and sockeye salmon. 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 20, 2021.