

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 27, 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 88,700 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. To date, 1,100 sockeye have been caught downstream of Mission in marine and in-river test fisheries. Catches were variable across all test fisheries over the weekend. The Area 12 purse seine test fishery began operations on Monday, July 26. The Area 20 purse seine test fishery began operations today. The Panel made no changes to the run size of Early Summer sockeye at today's meeting.

On July 26 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3,425 cms, which is approximately 27% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on July 26 was 18.5°C, which is 0.5°C greater than average for this date. At the Big Bar landslide site, discharge levels remain below the historical average, and continue to drop. As of July 24, 75,762 Chinook and sockeye salmon have been observed above the Big Bar site. 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 30, 2021.