

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, September 21, to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. It is currently estimated that 2,172,700 and 7,526,200 sockeye and pink salmon, respectively, have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site, and 16,000 sockeye and 213,800 pink salmon have been caught downstream of Mission. The Panel adopted an increase to the Fraser River pink salmon run size to 8,000,000 at today's meeting. The run timing remained the same at August 19.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on September 20 was 1,865 cms, which is approximately 4% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on September 20 was 13.8⁰C, which is 0.7⁰C below average for this date. At the Big Bar landslide site, discharge levels remain below the historical average, and natural salmon passage is continuing. 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.

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS

Areas 29-3, 29-4, and 29-6: Area H troll ITQ fishery closing as scheduled at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 22, 2021. (Please refer to DFO Fishery Notice for further details).

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS

All United States Fraser River Panel area waters remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

This concludes the final in-season meeting of the Fraser River Panel.