

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 12, to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. Discharge levels are currently high throughout the watershed but there is some natural salmon passage occurring at the Big Bar slide site.

To date, 385 sockeye salmon have been caught in test fisheries. The in-river gillnet test fishery at Whonnock began on June 22, and the gillnet test fishery at Cottonwood will begin on July 12. The Area 20 marine gillnet test fishery began on July 10, and the Area 12 gillnet test fishery will begin on July 12. The Mission hydroacoustics program began July 1. It is currently estimated that 113,446 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site.

On July 11 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 9,097 cms, which is approximately 61% higher than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on July 11 was 14.5<sup>0</sup>C, which is 1.8<sup>0</sup>C below 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 15, 2022.