

Friday, July 15, 2022

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 15, 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.

It is currently estimated that 177,162 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel made no changes to run sizes at today's meeting, but the observed Early Stuart run size to date has exceeded the p50 forecast (105,000) and is likely to exceed the p75 forecast (172,000).

On July 14 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 8,891 cms, which is approximately 61% higher than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on July 14 was 14.9°C, which is 1.8°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 Tuesday, July 19, 2022.