

Monday, August 22, 2022

The Fraser River Panel met Monday, August 22, 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 2,659,400 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted a run size of 600,000 for Early Summer-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of July 30, a run size of 3,500,000 for Summer-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of August 14, and a run size of 1,200,000 for Late-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of August 15 at today's meeting.

On August 21 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3,512 cms, which is approximately 20% higher than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 21 was 20.3⁰C, which is 1.9⁰C above 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.

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS

All Canadian Panel Area waters remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS

TREATY TRIBAL FISHERY:

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: The previously announced drift gillnet fishery scheduled through 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 24, 2022 will now close at 12 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.