

Friday, August 26, 2022

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 26, 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 3,109,000 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted a run size of 1,600,000 for Late-run sockeye with an associated Area 20 timing of August 16 at today's meeting.

On August 25 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3,344 cms, which is approximately 22% higher than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 25 was 20.3⁰C, which is 2.6⁰C 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.

All Panel Area Waters remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.