

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 18, 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 below average throughout the watershed and there are no upstream migration problems reported at the Big Bar slide site.

It is currently estimated that 61,300 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 (23,000).

On July 17 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 2,556 cms, which is approximately 51% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on July 17 was 19.1°C, which is 2.3°C above the historical 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 21, 2023.