

Friday, August 4, 2023

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 4, 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 257,300 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted a run size of 240,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of July 20 and a proportional management adjustment of 1.08 for Early Summer run sockeye at today's meeting.

On August 3 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 2,234 cms, which is approximately 45% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on August 3 was 19.7°C, which is 1.4°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 Tuesday, August 8, 2023.