

Friday, August 11, 2023

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 11, to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

It is currently estimated that 426,800 sockeye and 9,100 pink salmon have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted an in-season run size of 41,000 sockeye for the Early Stuart run with an associated Area 20 timing of July 2, and an in-season run size of 290,000 sockeye for the Early Summer run with an associated Area 20 timing of July 23 at today's meeting.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on August 10 was 2,057 cms, which is approximately 42% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on August 10 was 20.5°C, which is 1.9°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 15, 2023.