

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 16 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

The Area 12 and Area 20 marine purse seine test fisheries began on July 14 and July 15, respectively. It is currently estimated that 54,700 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site.

On July 15 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3932 cms, which is approximately 27% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on July 15 was 19.9°C, which is 3.1°C 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 Friday, July 19, 2024.