

Friday, August 16, 2024

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 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 including an update on the Chilcotin River landslide.

It is currently estimated that 359,100 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site.

At today's meeting, the Panel adopted an Early Summer-run run size of 142,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of July 14, and a Late-run run size of 18,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of August 9.

On August 15 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 2,267 cms, which is approximately 29% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on August 15 was 21.2°C, which is 2.6°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 Tuesday, August 20, 2024.