

Friday, August 23, 2024

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, August 23 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 414,300 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site.

At today's meeting, the Panel adopted an Early Summer-run run size of 143,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of July 14, a Summer-run run size of 275,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of August 1, and a Late-run run size of 38,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of August 15. A Late-run proportional Management Adjustment of 0.43 was also adopted.

On August 22 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 1,915 cms, which is approximately 33% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on August 22 was 19.4°C, which is 1.1°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 Tuesday, August 27, 2024.