

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 12 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Test fishery catches continue to be low and as expected based on the pre-season forecast abundance levels. Assessments of Early Stuart sockeye and Early Summer-run sockeye are ongoing. An Early Stuart sockeye abundance estimate should be available later this week.

On July 11 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 4,277 cms, which is approximately 24% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on July 11 was 16.5 °C, which is 0.6 °C higher than 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 15, 2016.