

Friday, July 15, 2016

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 15 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

The Early Stuart sockeye migration is tracking within the pre-season forecast abundance range and an estimate of their abundance should be available next week. Early Summer-run sockeye assessments are ongoing and an estimate of their abundance should be available early in August after their peak migration through marine areas.

On July 14 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 4,105 cms, which is approximately 24% below the historical average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on July 14 was 17.7 °C, which is 1.5 °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 Tuesday, July 19, 2016.