

Friday, July 11, 2025

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 11 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 marine gillnet test fisheries began July 8 and 10 in Area 12 and 20, respectively. The in-river gillnet test fisheries at Whonnock and Brownsville Bar began on June 25 and July 10, respectively. The Mission hydroacoustics program began July 4. It is currently estimated that 309,700 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site.

On July 10 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3,318 cms, which is approximately 42% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on July 10 was 17.6° C, which is 1.5°C above average for this date. Fraser River discharge levels, water temperatures and migration conditions in the Chilcotin River 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 15, 2025.