

Friday, July 18, 2025

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 18 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

It is currently estimated that 592,100 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site. The Panel adopted a run size of 725,000 with an associated Area 20 timing of July 6 and a proportional management adjustment of 1.86 for Early Stuart sockeye at today's meeting.

On July 17 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3,593 cms, which is approximately 32% below the average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on July 17 was 18.7°C, which is 1.9°C above the 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 22, 2025.