

Friday, July 10, 2026

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 10 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 fishery began July 9 in Area 20, and the marine gillnet test fishery in Area 12 will start July 13. The in-river gillnet test fishery at Whonnock began on June 22, and the in-river gillnet test fishery at Brownsville will start July 13. The Mission hydroacoustics program began July 1. It is currently estimated that 34,200 sockeye have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site.

On July 9 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 4,763 cms, which is approximately 18% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark on July 9 was 16.4° C, which is 0.5°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, July 14, 2026.