

Friday, September 4, 2015

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, September 4 to receive an update on the migration of the Fraser sockeye and pink salmon runs and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

At the meeting today, there were no changes to sockeye run sizes. The currently adopted run-size estimates are 400,000 Early summer run sockeye, 1,700,000 Summer run sockeye and 300,000 Late run sockeye. The Panel approved a Pink salmon run-size estimate of 6,000,000 fish with a 50% marine timing through Area 20 of August 21.

On September 3 the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was 1,982 cms, which is approximately 19% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on September 3 was 16.1 °C, which is 0.4 °C lower 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 and pink salmon escapement goals.

All Panel Area Waters remain closed to Commercial salmon fisheries.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.