

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 8 to receive an update on the migration of Early Stuart sockeye and to review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Early Stuart sockeye are currently tracking below and/or later timed than the pre-season forecast median abundance of 299,000 fish and the historic 50% migration timing through Area 20 of July 4. Assessments of Early Summer-run sockeye abundance should be available early in August after their peak migration through marine areas has occurred.

On July 7 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was approximately 5,955 cms, which is approximately 3% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 6 was 16.1⁰ C, which is 1.4⁰C 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 commercial fisheries in Panel Area waters remain closed to fishing at the present time.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Friday, July 11, 2014.