

Friday, July 25, 2014

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, July 25 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

At the meeting today, the run size estimate of 240,000 Early Stuart sockeye and a 50% marine migration timing of July 9 was unchanged. The Early Stuart 50% marine migrating timing of July 9 is 2 days later than the final pre-season forecast of July 7 and 5 days later than the long-term median timing of July 4. At the meeting today, the Early Stuart proportional management adjustment factor was changed from 2.12 to 1.96. Assessments of Early Summer-run sockeye abundance are ongoing and run-size estimates should be available in early August after their peak migration through marine areas.

On July 24, the Fraser River water discharge at Hope was approximately 4,903 cms, which is average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 24 was 17.1 °C, which is average for this date. Fraser River water temperatures are forecast to increase to 18.5°C over the next few days.

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 Tuesday, July 29, 2014.