

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 6 to receive an update on the migration of Early Stuart sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

In-season assessments indicate that daily abundances of Early Stuart sockeye are tracking levels larger than expected based on the pre-season forecast (median value of 41,000 fish). An updated estimate of total Early Stuart run size is expected at the next Panel meeting. Migratory conditions for sockeye entering the Fraser River are presently satisfactory. Fraser River discharge measured at Hope was 4769 cms on July 5, which is below average for this date. Fraser River water temperature at Qualark was 14.7 °C, which is near 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 9, 2010.