

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday July 20 to receive an update on the migration of the Fraser River sockeye runs and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

The migration of Early Stuart sockeye through the marine assessment areas continues to decrease while the migration of Early Summer-run and Summer-run sockeye is increasing. At the meeting today the run size estimate of 90,000 Early Stuart sockeye was unchanged. It is early in the migration of Early Summer-run and Summer-run sockeye through the marine approach routes and run size assessments for these sockeye will not be available until late July, and early August, respectively.

Migration conditions for sockeye in the Fraser River are presently satisfactory. On July 19 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 3,950 cms, which is 27% below average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek on July 19 was 16.6 °C, which is close to average for this date.

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 23, 2010.