

Thursday, July 23, 2009

The Fraser River Panel met Thursday, July 23 to receive an update on the migration of the Fraser River sockeye runs.

The migration of Fraser River sockeye through marine assessment areas continues to be lower than expected. The current run size estimate for Early Stuart sockeye of 110,000 fish may be decreased at a future Panel meeting after further data assessments are conducted. The migration of Early Summer-run sockeye through the marine approach routes is currently tracking much lower than forecast assuming that their migration timing is near average.

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 July 24, 2009.