

Tuesday, August 3, 2004

The Fraser Panel met Tuesday, August 3 to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. The Panel approved an increase in the run size estimate for Early Summer-run sockeye from 1,200,000 fish to 1,300,000 fish, which is 47% higher than their 50% p level forecast of abundance (885,000 fish). Summer-run sockeye abundance is still tracking approximately the 50% p level of abundance (3,501,000 fish).

In-river temperature conditions for Fraser River sockeye continue to be adverse. Fraser River discharge at Hope is currently 2,770 cms (34 % lower than normal for this date) and the water temperature (at Qualark Creek) is presently 20.3 °C.

The Panel announced the following regulations for Panel Area waters:

CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

No change to regulations.

UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS:

TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:

No change to regulations.

NON INDIAN FISHERY:

No change to regulations.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on August 6, 2004.