

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

The Fraser Panel met Tuesday, July 13 to receive an update on the migration of Early Stuart and Early Summer-run sockeye and the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. The Panel retained the provisional estimate for the Early Stuart run-size of 137,000 sockeye (75% p level forecast). The proportion of Early Summer-run sockeye is increasing in the marine approach areas although it is too early to project their return strength.

The Fraser River discharge rate at Hope on July 11 was about 4,200 cms, which is almost 30% lower than normal for this date. The Fraser River water temperature at Hell's Gate on July 11 was about 16.2 °C, which is slightly above normal for this date.

All commercial fisheries in Panel Area waters remain closed to fishing.

The Panel will meet again Friday, July 16.