

Tuesday, July 5, 2005

The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, July 5 to receive an update on the migration of Early Stuart sockeye and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed.

Current assessments of Early Stuart sockeye abundance suggest that the run may be substantially lower than forecast. On July 4 the discharge of the Fraser River at Hope was 5,400 cms and the water temperature of the Fraser River at Qualark Creek was 16.0 °C, which is satisfactory for sockeye migration.

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

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on July 8, 2005.