

Fraser Panel Update, September 9, 2022

- The 2022 Fraser sockeye migration in the marine waters is almost complete. Early Stuart, Early Summer and Summer runs have almost all made their way upstream past Mission. There are still some Late run stocks delaying off the mouth of the river.
- Test fisheries catch in the marine approach indicating have all terminated with the exception of the Gulf troll test fishery; intended to assess the Late run delayed fish off the mouth of the river.
- Mission hydroacoustic passage estimates dropped to well less than 50,000 sockeye per day over the past week.
- The Fraser Panel adopted a run size update of 1,850,000 for Late Runs, there is still a significant level of uncertainty about this number as only 940,000 have been harvested and/or estimated past Mission.
- Earlier this week a small Commercial TAC in Canada for Summer and Late runs was identified. As almost all of the Summer run has migrated into the river only Late runs are available to the marine commercial fishery. A small amount of TAC has been released to the Seiners and Troller as ITQ to prosecute this fishery. It began on Thursday with limited to poor results possibly due high winds and poor fishing conditions.
- There is one more round of Gulf Troll test fishing planned and further assessments and fishing will be reviewed early next week.

More information from this weeks Fraser Panel can be found at the PSC web site:

<https://www.psc.org/download/654/2022/14750/september-9-2022-2.pdf>