Greetings from the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association!

Here is a summary of the Yukon River Salmon In-Season Management Teleconference held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

**Background:** Yukon River salmon management teleconferences are held annually on every Tuesday in June, July, and August for fishing communities and fisheries managers throughout the Yukon River drainage to discuss fishing conditions and management strategies as the salmon run is occurring. Funded by the Office of Subsistence Management and the Yukon River Panel.

**Communities participating this week:** Nunam Iqua, Saint Mary’s, Pilot Station, Marshall, Russian Mission, Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk, Huslia, Allakaket, Galena, Ruby, Rampart, Fairbanks, Fort Yukon, Old Crow

**Subsistence Reports:** (reports may be from one individual or a few depending on who participated in the call this week and reflect the participant on the call at the time)

Nunam Iqua reported that there were high tides, subsistence is done and they are waiting for silvers.

Pilot Station said they are done with subsistence and drying fish, picking berries and the water is up a little.

Marshall said that one household fished, there was no drift, and the fish were healthy and some were getting whitefish. People are waiting for silvers or they are berry picking. There are firefighters up the arctic highway.

Russian Mission reported that the water is clear, they are done with summer chum fishing and some silvers are trickling in. One group caught fall chum with disease. The commercial fishing is active and they started to catch more sockeye salmon with nets.

Koyukuk said they are catching summer chum, the water is up and the air is smoke-filled.

Ruby reported it rained a lot and people are rod fishing and not able to fish with a 4” mesh. They can use 6” tomorrow and have not met their subsistence needs. They have had too few openings and they have been too short. They are about 5% done with their subsistence.

Rampart said that nobody is meeting subsistence needs. They need more than 8-12 hours. The air is smoke-filled.

Fairbanks mentioned that there was an opener (in Nenana) last night, the water is low and not many chum.

Old Crow said the sonar camp is going, there is a lot high water and the fish are running. Chinook are caught here and there. Females are released and no one is meeting their subsistence needs. They mentioned they have a tagging project going on.

**Public comments, questions, and answers:**

People asked various questions on the topics of: fish size, what gear they can use and what their fishing schedules are in the different districts.

A question was asked about the First Nations fishery restriction being removed. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans explained that all fisheries were closed and they have a lengthy consultation process with all First Nations through the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee. Additional discussion took place on border passage and possible fishing in Y5D as well as the issue of the Y-5 test wheel not running this year due to forest fires in the area and if the project could have still run in some way this season.

Observations by local fishermen about fish disease were talked about and how samples would be needed to officially diagnose a disease.

Canadians thanked Alaskans for all their sacrifices they have made (to not fish Chinook salmon).

**Salmon Fisheries Research and Management:**

For Alaskan research and management information, please visit:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingCommercialByArea.interior>

*OR* he subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at [1-866-479-7387](tel:1-866-479-7387" \t "_blank) (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call[(907) 459-7387](tel:%28907%29%20459-7387" \t "_blank)

For Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada updates, please visit:

http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/yukon/fmcountingfac.htm

For further information, please contact the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association at 907-272-3131 or look for us on the web at www.yukonsalmon.org.

Please join us on the next teleconference, Tuesday at 1 p.m. Alaska time (2 p.m. Yukon time). As a reminder, the toll free number is 1-800-315-6338 and the code is YUKON# (98566#).