**Teleconference #: 9 Date: July 22, 2014**

**Facilitated by: Jill Klein, YRDFA Executive Director**

**Media on line:** KZPA in Fort Yukon

**Subsistence reports**:

Emmonak reported there were no Coho salmon yet and the fall chum salmon are big.

St. Mary’s reported not much going on, all done with subsistence and now there are commercial openings for fall chum now and Coho salmon showing up and now it is raining.

Marshall reported no Coho salmon yet, but silvers were reported yesterday, some kings have not yet spawned in sloughs and less debris than last week.

Galena reported the water is high.

Rampart Rapids reported:

“- Water temperatures of river continue to run extremely cold for date.

- 6" net fishing just opened up this morning so no info on that yet. Summer chum run has been relatively weak so far but this is the far reaches of that run and fish are generally so poor quality they are not valued as people food much.

- Only king still going by are old worn out ones mostly. Kinda in between runs now and it's a wait for the Fall Chum time now.”

Fairbanks reported that water has dropped on Tanana River, but the Chena River is high and raining and cloudy.

Minto reported a lot of high water and not much fishing going on since no king fishing

Fort Yukon reported water levels fluctuating, weather been cold and windy. 7 households fished, 7 kings caught, but small male jacks looking pretty rough, people are/were at the Gwitchin Gathering.

Eagle reported that none of the four households spoken to fished for kings. One guy fished for some grayling and another one got some pike. People staying busy with other activities and fall chum will be important.

**Canada community reports:**

Old Crow – Vicki Josie, no fishing, cold weather, windy and water is dirty and there is a big gathering going on.

Mayo reported the Chinook salmon have been in the mainstem Stewart River for 2 weeks now. There is no fishing activity. The First Nation passed a resolution to not fish Chinook for a full lifecycle of 8 years and there is 99% compliance on this. Department of Fisheries and Oceans was there on the weekend and did a patrol on the river and there were no reports of fishing and we have not seen anyone either in our patrols.

A participant on the education exchange extended his appreciation for being on the trip. The guides were great and we met with community of Saint Mary’s, Pilot Station sonar, Galena and many other great individuals. It was a great trip and great opportunity.

**The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada delivered management Reports and comments. For more information contact these agencies directly.**

**KEY ISSUES brought out**:

Jeff Estensen of the ADF&G discussed the fall chum salmon season and conversation followed. There was some concern that the lower river was not on its fishing schedule and also concern about the importance of the fall chum salmon to the upriver communities and the need for fish to make it upriver for everyone to get a reasonable opportunity. The fall manager assured the public that they will asses at the end of the week and are considering skipping a period in both lower river districts and that there is no reason to believe that the fall chum salmon will not make it upriver. Questions were asked about the numbers of fish needed in the river to open up fishing and how high water will be impacting fishing.

People thanked each other on both sides of the border for not fishing the Chinook salmon.