

Yukon River Inseason Salmon Harvest Interviews, 2005

Standardized collection and reporting of subsistence salmon harvest information during the fishing season is an important management tool for Yukon River fishery managers. Information gauging the progress towards subsistence salmon harvest goals, subsistence fishing characteristics, and quality of subsistence catch were collected. Local village interviewers contacted a subsample of fishermen each week to evaluate progression towards meeting subsistence harvest goals. Residents of Emmonak, Holy Cross, Kaltag, Nulato, Huslia, Galena, and Circle were interviewed weekly between May 31 and October 7, 2005. Ninety-nine households were interviewed regarding Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) harvests, 38 households were interviewed regarding summer chum salmon (*O. keta*) harvests, and 14 households were interviewed regarding fall chum harvest progression. Information was reported on 13 weekly public teleconferences, distributed in nine written summaries, and used in two Federal inseason management reports. In general, inseason interview data indicated that the largest change in subsistence harvest goal progression occurred before the or near the quarter point of the Chinook and summer chum salmon run. Alternately, fall chum salmon harvest goal progression changes were largest after the three-quarter point of the run. Overall, most interviewed households met or nearly met their subsistence Chinook and chum salmon goals for the 2005 season.

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