

## ABSTRACT

Teleconference calls are a practical and useful method for discussing the complexities of salmon management and for gaining immediate real-time information from fishers along the expanse of the Yukon River. As such, the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFFA) hosted weekly inseason teleconference calls during the 2010 Yukon River salmon fishery season, from early June through the end of August. The teleconference calls, held every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Alaska time (2 p.m. Yukon time), were a means to exchange information on run timing, abundance, and escapement data; discuss management strategies; facilitate open dialogue between users and management entities; and enable salmon resource stakeholders drainage-wide to communicate. To ensure consistent participation and reporting regarding subsistence harvests and perceived abundance, inseason harvest interviewers were hired in 10 communities along the Yukon River to collect and report subsistence harvest information each week. In addition to reports of local observations, the calls provided information to fishers regarding research and escapement monitoring tools operated by management entities, and facilitated information sharing and capacity building amongst all interested parties. Calls were typically 1-2 hours in length. Summaries of each call were written and distributed to teleconference participants within three days. In total, 14 teleconferences were held in the 2010 fishing season.

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