**Greetings from the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association!**

This is a summary of the Yukon River Salmon In-Season Management Teleconference held on Tuesday, August 25, 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 and or community members were participating this week:** Kotlik,Saint Mary’s, Pilot Station, Marshall, Nulato, Koyukuk, Ruby, Ruby.

**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)

Kotlik said they finally had an OK tide and some fish are coming in now. A lot of people are getting their subsistence done and hoping for more commercial. It is about ½ chum and ½ coho.

Saint Mary’s said the weather is sloppy and fall chum and coho are heading up.

Pilot Station said there is very little fishing. There is rain and it is windy, water is up a foot and it is rough.

Marshall said three households’ fished; good-looking salmon (about half coho), and folks are moose hunting and getting berries.

Nulato said there is good fishing right now. Some are almost done. Others seeing 3-4 a day. The run is good. It is windy and rainy and rough out but people are getting what they need.

Koyukuk said they are finally getting a few fish and about 40% of subsistence needs are being met. Bad weather last few days and too windy to go out.

Ruby said there is not much fishing this week. They got a lot of fall chum and whitefish last week. People are about 30-40% done with subsistence. They are waiting for the next pulse.

**Management comments, public comments, questions, and answers:**

The early fall storm warning is winding down on the coast but peaking in the upper river now. This year not having a really strong fall chum run. Looking at 700-800,00 fall chum.

Management reviewed the locations of the pulses in conjunction with people from the river who confirmed where the fish were. Management is trying to have openings even though there is bad weather.

Post-season subsistence harvest surveys will be starting soon in the lower river.

Numbers are not available for the Porcupine River yet on fall chum. It is too early for assessment and the Fishing Branch project is not up yet.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans reported that there is rain and hail in the Yukon Territory. In the main stem they anticipate opportunity for openings for aboriginal, commercial and sport fishing. They will make a final decision this week. Do to lower numbers on the Porcupine they do not anticipate aboriginal fishing taking place in Old Crow. Fishing Branch weir will start Sept. 1. Most Chinook salmon are at their natal streams and reaching their headwaters areas.

**Salmon Fisheries Research and Management:**

* For Alaskan research and management information, please visit:

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

* *OR* the 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 Rapids Research Center information visit: <http://www.rapidsresearch.com/>
* 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#).

The last conference call of the season will take place on August 25th, 2015.