Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

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Meeting Agenda

Date: **7/23/2014** Time: 1:30pm Place: **Bethel**

Time Called to Order: Chair: Bev Hoffman Time Adjourned:

ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM: QUORUM MET? Yes / No

Upriver Elder:
Downriver Elder:
Commercial Fisher:

Commercial Fisher:
Lower River Subsistence:
Middle River Subsistence:
Upper River Subsistence:
Headwaters Subsistence:

Processor: Member at Large: Sport Fisher:

Western Interior RAC: Y-K Delta RAC: ADF&G:

INTRODUCTIONS:

INVOCATION:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: the agenda may be amended at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Optional. ADF&G does not prepare official meeting minutes.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- 1. Subsistence Reports:
 - a. Lowest River
 - b. ONC Inseason Subsistence
 - c. Lower River
 - d. Middle River
 - e. KNA Inseason Subsistence
 - f. Upper River
 - g. Headwaters
- 2. Overview of Kuskokwim River salmon run assessment projects:
 - a. Bethel Test Fish:
 - b. Weirs/Mark-Recapture/Aerial Surveys/Other:
- 3. Commercial Catch Report:
- 4. Processor Report:
- 5. Sport Fish Report:
- 6. Intercept Fishery Report: optional
- 7. Weather Forecast:
- 8. Recommendation:
- 9. Motion for Discussion and Action

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Continued discussion of a Tier II permit system and other fishery management options for the Kuskokwim River.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Presentation of BSFA proposed project: Capacity building workshops to support sustainable management of declined Kuskokwim Chinook Salmon Joe Spaeder, BSFA staff.
- 2. Discussion of the relationship between the Working Group and the State.
- 3. Discussion of request for federal takeover of fisheries in the Kuskokwim River.
- 4. Discussion of Bev Hoffman's letter to Commissioner Campbell.
- 5. Discussion of Lisa Feyereisen's letter to Commissioner Campbell.
- 6. Request to meet with the State's Attorney General to address the inequitable allocation of salmon resources for subsistence users on the Kuskokwim River.

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- 7. Consider a vote of "no confidence" in the current leadership of the Subsistence Division for the subsistence fishery on the Kuskokwim River.
- 8. Consider a vote of "no confidence" in the current leadership of the Commercial Fishery Division for the Kuskokwim River.
- 9. Consideration of a teleconferenced meeting in Kalskag, Aniak or a subsistence fisher's smoke house for an upcoming KRSMWG meeting.
- 10. Discussion of locating subsistence users downriver who would be willing to share their subsistence catch with upriver fishers who do not meet their needs.

COMMENTS FROM WORKING G	ROUP MEMBERS:		
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Time:	Place:	

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http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareakuskokwim.kswg

Viewing the information packet while listening to meetings/recordings will provide a better understanding of the information presented in this packet.

Thank you.
Jennifer Peeks
Chris Shelden
Working Group coordinators

Kuskokwim Native Association – INSEASON SUBSISTENCE REPORT

Week of: July 21, 2014

KALSKAG

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6" Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
11	9	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
		100%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
3	139	6	2СОНО

Harvester comments: Waiting for silvers = 6

Lower Kalskag 44 houses still fishing, only 3 were done. – Per info given to me by the Tribal Administrator

Fishermen who is fishing for 5 households still haven't met their subsistence needs and all fish caught this summer went straight to the smokehouse, they have nothing in the freezer yet and are waiting for the silvers to come to put away for freezer fish. He also stated, "Why does fish and game always accommodate to the people downriver and never think of us up here who rely on fish too? We follow all the rules and regulations even we don't like them, and you don't see us 'protest fishing' or breaking the law intentionally, but yet Fish and Game still caters to the commercial fishery down river!"

Based on families surveyed, 2 are completely done, 3 are still fishing, and 5 families are waiting for the silvers to arrive to supplement for other species that did not meet their harvesting needs.

ANIAK

	Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6'' Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
	11	7	6	1	0	6	1	0	0	0
			85%	15%	0%	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
0	158	5	70WF

Harvester comments: 2 fishermen surveyed said they would have to fish right up until the ice starts running to meet their households' subsistence needs. All 7 familes that were still fishing said they would rely heavily on the Silver Salmon run to meet their subsistence harvest needs.

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Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6'' Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
4	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
	•	50%	0	0	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveved

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CHINOOK	CHUM	Other									
0	0	0	0								

Harvester comments: 2 of the 4 fishermen were still fishing and waiting for the Silver Salmon run to hit the middle Kuskokwim to meet their subsistence harvest needs. They reported that the chums being caught were in poor condition now and having mold/fungus over most of their bodies and were becoming too rotten to harvest.

NAPAIMUTE

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6" Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
0	0	0	0

Harvester comments: Both fishermen reported being done fishing but may harvest silvers for freezing and jarring.

CROOKED CREEK

	Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6'' Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
	4	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
-			50%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
0	10	0	0

Harvester comments: Reports of the chums being too "malluq" (rotten) and people are waiting for Silvers to run to meet their subsistence harvest needs. 2 of 4 fishermen reported they are done fishing for the year.

GEORGETOWN

	Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6'' Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
Ī	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE Other								
-	-	-	-							

Harvester comments: No data was collected from Georgetown due to no communication possibilities with the people fishing there.

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Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6'' Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE Other								
-	-	-	-							

Harvester comments: Could not make contact with any residents.

SLEETMUTE

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6" Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
		50%	50%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
0	27	22	0

Harvester comments: Of the two families who were surveyed they are still fishing and will rely on silvers to meet their subsistence harvest needs.

STONY RIVER

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6'' Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
-	-	-	-

Harvester comments: Was not able to make contact with any residents.

LIME VILLAGE

Families	Families	Drift-	Set-	>6"	>4"-6"	4" or	Rod &	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
Surveyed	Fishing	nets	nets	Mesh	Mesh	Less	Reel		
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
0	0	0	3GR

Harvester comments: Was only able to contact one household in Lime Village and they were fishing by rod and reel.

Kuskokwim Native Association – INSEASON SUBSISTENCE REPORT

Week of: July 14, 2014

KALSKAG

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6" Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
5	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
		0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Catch based on families fishing surveyed

	CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
Average	0	48	8	0

Harvester comments: 4 of 5 families are done fishing due to the poor condition of chums and are waiting for silvers to start running for harvest.

ANIAK

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6" Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
7	5	4	1	0	3	2	0	0	0
		80%	20%	0%	60%	40%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Average Catch based on families fishing surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other		
0.2	19.8	8.6	1.8WF		

Harvester comments: 3 families said they will be fishing up until freeze up to meet their subsistence needs. 1 family (fishes for 3 households) refused to fish kings, reds, or chums this year by means of conservation and they will rely heavily on the silver salmon for their subsistence needs. 1 family done fishing.

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Families	Families	Drift-	Set-	>6"	>4"-6"	4" or	Rod &	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
Surveyed	Fishing	nets	nets	Mesh	Mesh	Less	Reel		
2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
		50%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Total Catch based on families surveyed

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CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other	
1	8	12	0	

Harvester comments: 1 family caught over 200 chums total this summer and is done fishing. 1 other family fishes for 6 households and will be fishing up until freeze-up to provide for each one.

NAPAIMUTE

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6'' Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Average Catch based on families fishing surveyed

			-8
CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other

Harvester comments: Both families are done fishing.

CROOKED CREEK

	Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6" Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
,			100%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Average Catch based on families fishing surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
0	80.5	23	0

Harvester comments: 1 family surveyed with 6 households will have to rely heavily on silver salmon to meet subsistence needs for winter.

GEORGETOWN

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6'' Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Average Catch based on families fishing surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other		
-	-	-	-		

Harvester comments: Was not able to contact the families fishing in Georgetown due to no type of communication in village. Will get numbers from them as soon as possible.

RED DEVIL

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6" Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Average Catch based on families fishing surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other	
-	1	-	-	

Harvester comments: The 1 family surveyed said they won't fish this summer.

SLEETMUTE

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6" Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
	•	0	100%	0	100%	0	0	0	0

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Average Catch based on families fishing surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
1	43	15	-

Harvester comments: Was not able to reach majority of families that harvest salmon.

STONY RIVER

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Drift- nets	Set- nets	>6'' Mesh	>4"-6" Mesh	4" or Less	Rod & Reel	Dipnet	Fish Wheel
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Average Catch based on families fishing surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
0	0	0	0

Harvester comments: Two families contacted and neither had fished in the last week.

LIME VILLAGE

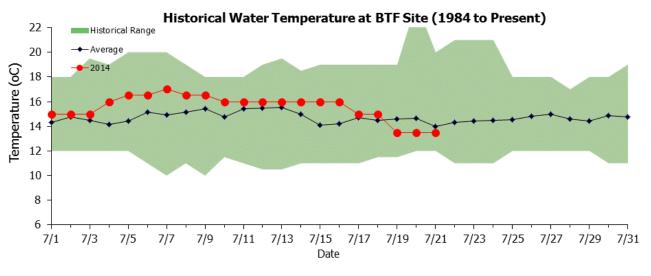
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2	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
		0%	50%	0%	50%	0%	50%	0%	0%

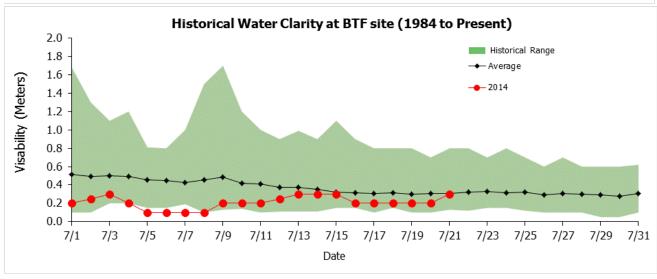
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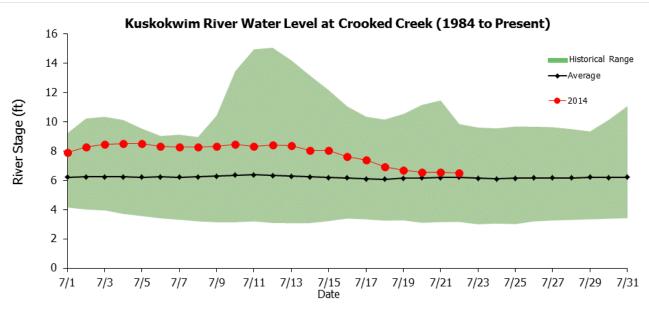
Average Catch based on families fishing surveyed

CHINOOK	CHUM	SOCKEYE	Other
0	8	10	3.5GR

Harvester comments: Starting to see more salmon up the Stony River towards Lime Village.







Chinook Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index, Bethel Test Fishery

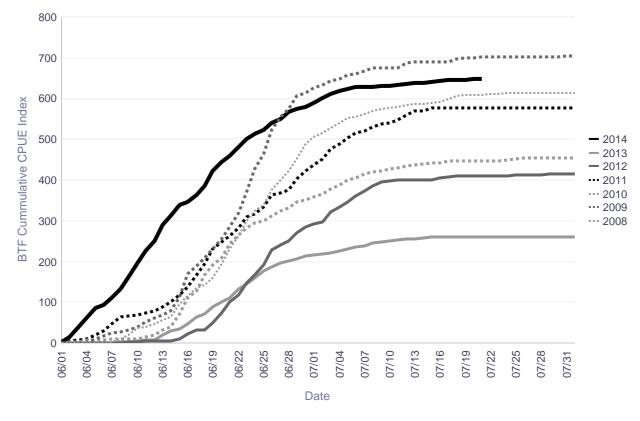
Bethel Test Fishery Chinook Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index

**2014 data are PRELIMINARY and not comparable to previous years due to subsistence fishing restrictions. **

				CPUE			
Date	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/13	586	690	437	569	401	257	637
07/14	587	690	439	569	401	259	639
07/15	588	690	441	577	401	260	641
07/16	591	690	443	577	404	261	643
07/17	599	690	447	577	407	261	645
07/18	605	697	447	577	409	261	645
07/19	608	699	447	577	409	261	646
07/20	608	700	447	577	409	261	648
07/21	608	702	447	577	409	261	648
07/22	611	702	447	577	411	261	
07/23	611	702	447	577	411	261	
07/24	613	702	449	577	411	261	
07/25	613	702	451	577	413	261	
07/26	613	702	453	577	413	261	
07/27	613	702	453	577	413	261	
07/28	613	702	453	577	413	261	
07/29	613	702	453	577	414	261	
07/30	613	702	453	577	414	261	
07/31	613	705	453	577	414	261	
08/01	613	705	453	577	414	261	

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Season Total	621	705	458	579	418	261		

Chinook Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index Chart



Resulting escapement relative to New Kuskokwim River SEG (65,000 - 120,000) 2008 - Achieved (+) no restrictions

2009 - Achieved (+) no restrictions

2010 - Not Achieved (-) late tributary restrictions

2011 - Achieved (+) 15 days restrictions, minor reduction to subsistence harvest

2012 - Achieved (+) 35 days restrictions, significant reduction to subsistence harvest
2013 - Not Achieved (-) tributary restrictions and late main stem restrictions, significant reduction to subsistence harvest

Chum Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index, Bethel Test Fishery

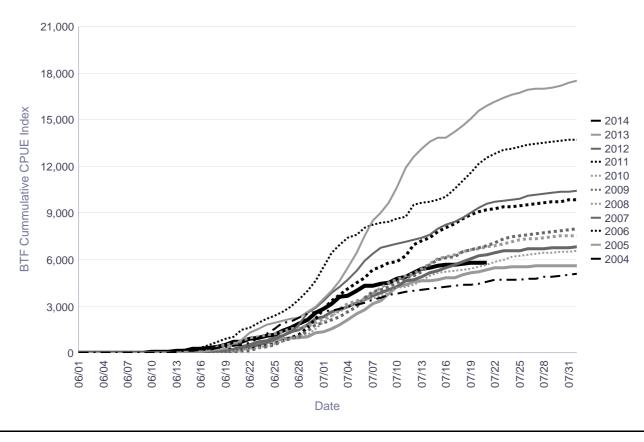
Bethel Test Fishery Chum Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index

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						CPUE					
Date	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/13	4,061	13,135	9,657	7,389	4,639	5,193	5,387	7,245	4,889	4,629	5,407
07/14	4,121	13,612	9,760	7,636	4,943	5,688	5,714	7,395	5,148	4,675	5,484
07/15	4,174	13,830	9,888	7,976	5,137	5,977	6,088	7,769	5,318	4,729	5,581
07/16	4,254	13,876	10,079	8,257	5,200	6,124	6,212	8,030	5,488	4,833	5,644
07/17	4,309	14,239	10,542	8,452	5,261	6,200	6,336	8,295	5,703	4,860	5,704
07/18	4,364	14,640	11,099	8,728	5,358	6,539	6,484	8,637	5,858	5,014	5,756
07/19	4,394	15,046	11,620	9,014	5,443	6,667	6,654	8,884	6,035	5,142	5,796
07/20	4,470	15,560	12,182	9,336	5,516	6,743	6,689	9,068	6,241	5,249	5,804
07/21	4,598	15,901	12,550	9,613	5,698	6,896	6,839	9,199	6,348	5,366	5,832
07/22	4,681	16,177	12,848	9,755	5,898	7,121	6,912	9,302	6,437	5,462	
07/23	4,700	16,444	13,079	9,782	6,028	7,320	7,037	9,393	6,544	5,505	
07/24	4,703	16,598	13,119	9,876	6,176	7,491	7,175	9,417	6,577	5,535	
07/25	4,714	16,775	13,286	9,955	6,247	7,528	7,257	9,483	6,607	5,571	
07/26	4,758	16,969	13,422	10,090	6,325	7,582	7,333	9,570	6,678	5,576	
07/27	4,796	17,011	13,483	10,189	6,354	7,681	7,368	9,625	6,715	5,587	
07/28	4,884	17,031	13,549	10,259	6,431	7,762	7,422	9,649	6,728	5,601	
07/29	4,934	17,093	13,618	10,296	6,459	7,811	7,510	9,714	6,745	5,615	
07/30	4,979	17,211	13,677	10,359	6,502	7,850	7,546	9,757	6,769	5,615	
07/31	5,028	17,368	13,723	10,390	6,530	7,926	7,556	9,833	6,792	5,615	
08/01	5,083	17,523	13,748	10,416	6,585	7,981	7,569	9,862	6,807	5,618	

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	5,257	18,192	13,927	10,655	6,749	8,257	7,655	10,028	6,894	5,739	

Bethel Test Fishery, Chum Salmon Cumulative CPUE thru 08/01



Sockeye Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index, Bethel Test Fishery

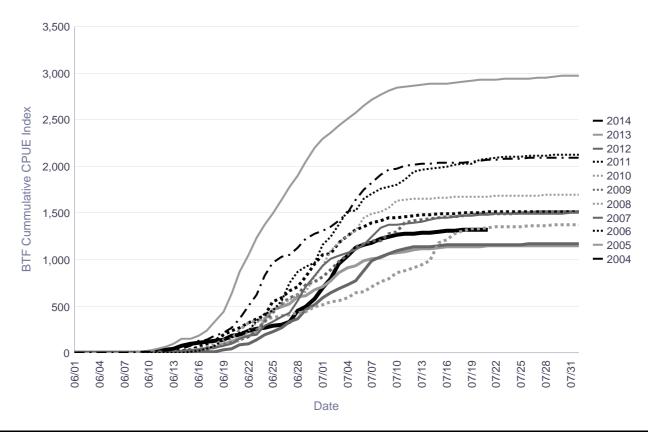
Bethel Test Fishery Sockeye Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index

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						CPUE					
Date	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/13	2,026	2,877	1,969	1,404	1,653	1,427	941	1,477	1,141	1,119	1,294
07/14	2,033	2,887	1,977	1,433	1,655	1,440	994	1,484	1,141	1,121	1,294
07/15	2,036	2,893	1,985	1,446	1,660	1,451	1,185	1,492	1,155	1,128	1,304
07/16	2,036	2,893	1,995	1,446	1,663	1,460	1,209	1,492	1,160	1,137	1,308
07/17	2,040	2,901	2,018	1,457	1,671	1,460	1,275	1,492	1,160	1,139	1,315
07/18	2,044	2,909	2,026	1,472	1,674	1,476	1,309	1,500	1,162	1,139	1,319
07/19	2,052	2,920	2,032	1,475	1,677	1,485	1,328	1,506	1,163	1,141	1,323
07/20	2,059	2,931	2,073	1,486	1,680	1,489	1,334	1,509	1,163	1,143	1,323
07/21	2,071	2,934	2,078	1,486	1,680	1,492	1,347	1,511	1,163	1,146	1,323
07/22	2,074	2,936	2,090	1,489	1,685	1,492	1,349	1,511	1,163	1,146	
07/23	2,079	2,940	2,106	1,489	1,687	1,494	1,351	1,511	1,165	1,146	
07/24	2,084	2,940	2,108	1,490	1,687	1,496	1,356	1,511	1,165	1,146	
07/25	2,084	2,940	2,110	1,495	1,689	1,502	1,358	1,511	1,165	1,146	
07/26	2,091	2,944	2,112	1,495	1,691	1,507	1,363	1,511	1,166	1,146	
07/27	2,091	2,953	2,116	1,495	1,691	1,510	1,367	1,511	1,168	1,146	
07/28	2,091	2,955	2,120	1,495	1,694	1,512	1,369	1,511	1,168	1,148	
07/29	2,091	2,964	2,124	1,498	1,696	1,513	1,371	1,511	1,170	1,148	
07/30	2,091	2,972	2,126	1,498	1,696	1,513	1,373	1,511	1,170	1,148	
07/31	2,091	2,976	2,128	1,501	1,696	1,513	1,373	1,511	1,170	1,148	
08/01	2,091	2,978	2,130	1,506	1,696	1,513	1,373	1,511	1,170	1,148	

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	2,107	3,019	2,139	1,521	1,713	1,520	1,375	1,518	1,171	1,148	

Bethel Test Fishery, Sockeye Salmon Cumulative CPUE thru 08/01



Coho Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index, Bethel Test Fishery

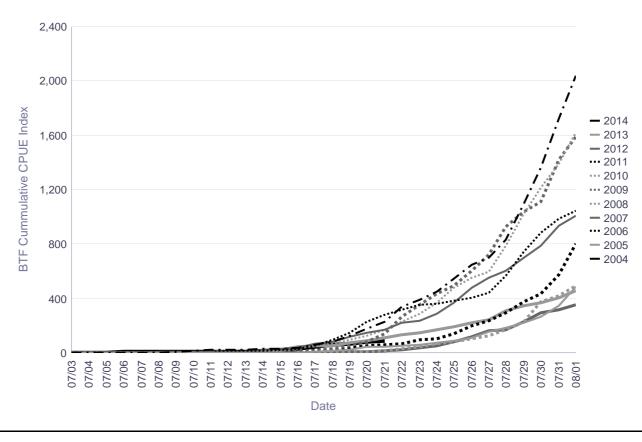
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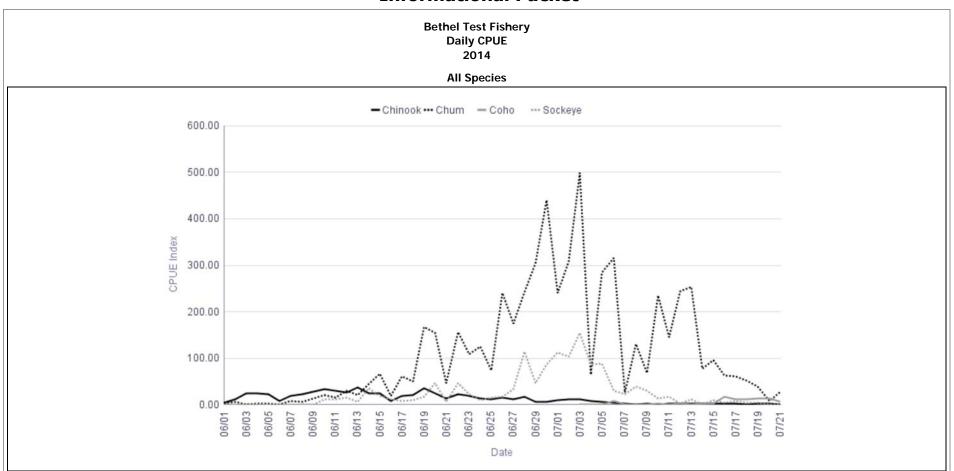
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						CPUE					
Date	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/13	26	0	19	5	6	9	0	0	0	4	12
07/14	31	0	19	20	9	9	0	3	0	4	14
07/15	34	2	20	27	17	9	0	17	0	26	17
07/16	37	2	27	40	31	13	3	17	2	42	33
07/17	59	7	49	64	53	13	3	22	4	50	45
07/18	81	13	99	83	69	34	3	26	6	56	57
07/19	123	26	149	122	94	50	6	39	8	77	70
07/20	177	42	227	150	128	79	8	50	11	90	83
07/21	232	44	281	170	168	140	14	60	14	111	90
07/22	341	51	321	221	231	264	31	68	21	131	
07/23	389	57	352	237	286	355	42	95	36	148	
07/24	452	75	365	288	366	436	66	106	55	167	
07/25	544	91	383	370	480	491	81	142	81	195	
07/26	650	111	409	480	550	605	105	200	118	221	
07/27	697	157	446	552	596	720	126	240	163	244	
07/28	833	186	564	606	786	931	173	296	173	309	
07/29	1,098	220	743	698	1,021	1,037	231	378	227	350	
07/30	1,360	263	886	791	1,217	1,112	376	437	294	371	
07/31	1,725	345	985	937	1,394	1,418	424	578	315	408	
08/01	2,039	487	1,047	1,009	1,617	1,593	491	801	354	455	

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	7,183	3,680	3,163	3,329	5,497	4,495	2,029	3,231	2,439	2,857	

Bethel Test Fishery, Coho Salmon Cumulative CPUE thru 08/01





Lower River Tagging Chinook Chum Sockeye Coho

	Chiı	nook	Chum	Sockeye	Coho
	Caught	Tagged			
year to					
date	94	92	69	37	1
6/3	4	4	0	0	0
6/4	1	1	0	0	0
6/5	0	0	0	0	0
6/6	2	1	0	0	0
6/7	Weathe	r Day			
6/8	3	3	0	0	0
6/9	7	6	0	0	0
6/10	1	1	0	0	0
6/11	2	2	0	1	0
6/12	7	7	0	0	0
6/13	2	2	0	0	0
6/14	3	3	0	0	0
6/15	5	5	0	0	0
6/16	6	6	0	0	0
6/17	Day Of	f			
6/18	5	5	0	0	0
6/19	4	4	2	2	0
6/20		4	0	0	0
6/21	2	2	1	0	0
6/22	3	3	2	0	0
6/23	6	6	0	0	0
	Day Of	f			
6/25		3	1	0	0
6/26		2	0	1	0
6/27	1	1	5	0	0
6/28	0	0	0	0	0
6/29	4	4	6	1	0
6/30	2	2	1	3	0
7/1	9	9	18	17	0
7/2	1	1	4	1	0
7/3	1	1	3	2	0
7/4		0	0	1	0
7/5		0	2	2	0
7/6		2	7	4	0
7/7	1	1	6	1	0
7/8		0	7	0	0
7/9		1	4	1	1
7/10			End of Tag	gging	

Kalskag Tagging Project

	Chin	ook	Chum	Sockeye	Coho
	Caught	Tagged			
year to date	330	304	1870	295	4
6/3					
6/4					
6/5	4	4	2	0	0
6/6	1	1	1	0	0
6/7	4	4	1	0	0
6/8	1	1	0	0	0
6/9	3	3	2	0	0
6/10	3	3	1	0	0
6/11	3	2	0	0	0
6/12	4	4	0	0	0
6/13	Day Off				
6/14	3	3	1	0	0
6/15	6	6	0	1	0
6/16	15	15	4	0	0
6/17	28	27	2	2	0
6/18	20	18	7	2	0
6/19	22	22	3	2	0
6/20	Day Off				
6/21	20	19	2	0	0
6/22	24	24	14	5	0
6/23	27	26	46	7	0
6/24	32	30	75	26	0
6/25	15	14	56	19	0

	Chir	ook	Chum	Sockeye	Coho
	Caught	Tagged			
6/26	22	19	75	10	0
	Day				
6/27	Off				
6/28	15	11	70	10	0
6/29	7	4	82	4	0
6/30	2	2	54	8	0
7/1	9	8	56	9	0
7/2	9	6	97	40	0
7/3	5	4	112	21	0
	Day				
7/4	Off				
7/5	6	6	72	9	0
7/6	2	2	130	17	0
7/7	1	1	114	23	0
7/8	1	1	111	23	0
7/9	3	3	154	23	0
7/10	3	2	173	17	0
	Day				
7/11	Off				
7/12	2	2	23	0	0
7/13	0	0	37	1	0
7/14	1	1	94	5	1
7/15	2	2	86	4	2
7/16	4	3	59	4	0
7/17	1 1		54	3	1
7/18		Tagg	ing operati	ons ended.	

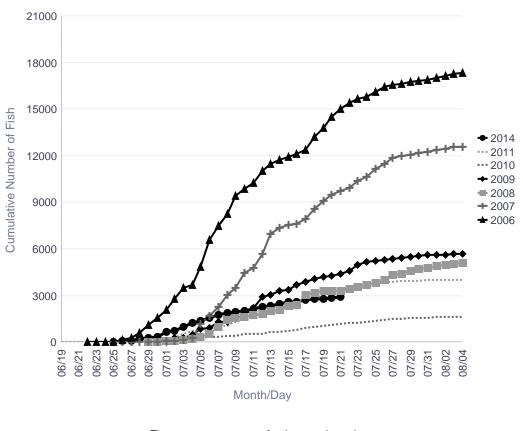
Kwethluk River Salmon Monitoring Project Cumulative Daily Passage of Chinook Salmon

		Cumulative Daily Passage											
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014			
07/19		13,818	9,119	3,298	4,188	1,021	3,059			2,754			
07/20		14,525	9,498	3,316	4,247	1,107	3,292			2,827			
07/21		15,039	9,763	3,321	4,359	1,166	3,334			2,923			
07/22		<u>15,380</u>	9,909	<u>3,420</u>	<u>4,607</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>3,495</u>						
07/23		15,682	10,376	3,540	4,986	1,249	3,549						
07/24		15,793	10,611	3,673	5,163	1,308	3,624						
07/25		16,102	11,124	3,823	5,255	1,354	3,768						
07/26		16,401	11,478	4,029	5,291	1,428	3,847						

Escapement Goal Range: 4,100 to 7,500 Highlighted years below are when escapement goal was achieved or exceeded.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total		<u>17,619</u>	12,927	<u>5,276</u>	<u>5,744</u>	1,668	4,079			

Kwethluk River Chinook

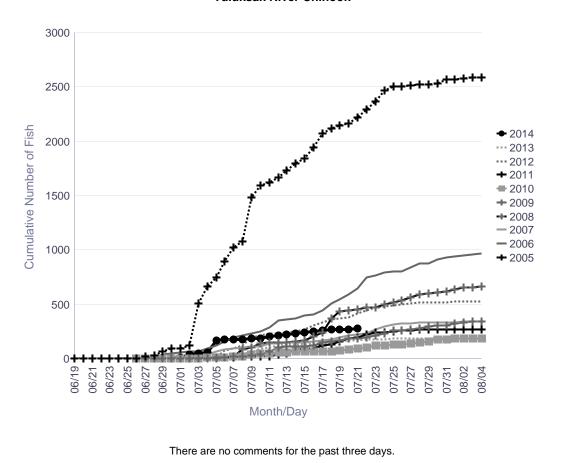


Tuluksak River Salmon Monitoring Project Cumulative Daily Passage of Chinook Salmon

		Cumulative Daily Passage												
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014				
07/19	2,141	543	197	435	164	77	158	368	161	272				
07/20	2,163	593	212	445	182	84	182	383	169	272				
07/21	2,214	646	220	455	185	96	191	415	171	279				
07/22	<u>2,296</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>467</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>103</u>	220	<u>439</u>	<u>177</u>					
07/23	2,366	765	272	474	209	118	236	468	180					
07/24	2,467	789	292	494	234	125	242	484	180					
07/25	2,499	801	311	520	261	129	252	490	181					
07/26	2,507	806	320	536	263	132	260	496	181					

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	2,653	1,043	374	701	362	201	284	560	193	

Tuluksak River Chinook

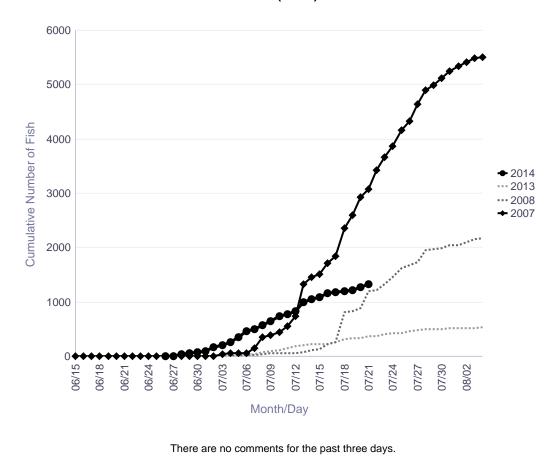


Salmon River (Aniak) Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Chinook Salmon

				(Cumulative D	Daily Passag	je			
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/19			2,592	825					327	1,222
07/20			2,921	880					342	1,277
07/21			3,075	1,199					363	1,334
07/22			3,420	<u>1,210</u>					<u>378</u>	
07/23			3,666	1,320					399	
07/24			3,869	1,459					421	
07/25			4,167	1,629					424	
07/26			4,332	1,676					470	

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total			6,220	2,376					598	

Salmon River (Aniak) Chinook



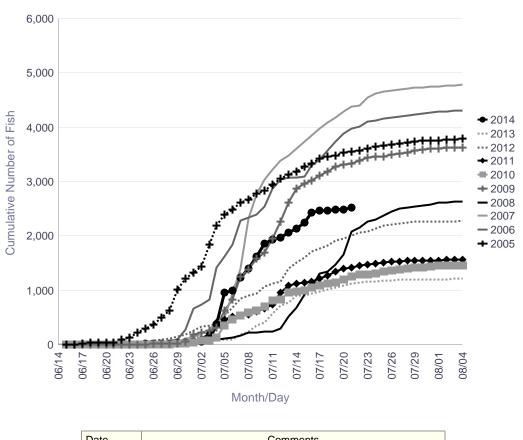
George River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Chinook Salmon

		Cumulative Daily Passage										
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		
07/19	3,488	3,743	4,183	1,480	3,268	1,151	1,339	1,915	1,053	2,479		
07/20	3,529	3,893	4,282	1,655	3,312	1,203	1,393	1,946	1,079	2,484		
07/21	3,552	3,982	4,376	2,079	3,336	1,261	1,423	2,015	1,120	2,518		
07/22	<u>3,578</u>	<u>4,019</u>	<u>4,403</u>	<u>2,151</u>	3,379	<u>1,282</u>	<u>1,453</u>	2,056	<u>1,141</u>			
07/23	3,605	4,101	4,555	2,257	3,441	1,284	1,481	2,085	1,157			
07/24	3,636	4,120	4,611	2,294	3,456	1,315	1,496	2,142	1,167			
07/25	3,672	4,152	4,662	2,381	3,468	1,342	1,518	2,200	1,178			
07/26	3,678	4,170	4,684	2,451	3,502	1,366	1,528	2,211	1,187			

Escapement Goal Range: 1,800 to 3,300 Highlighted years below are when escapement goal was achieved or exceeded.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	<u>3,845</u>	<u>4,355</u>	<u>4,883</u>	<u>2,698</u>	<u>3,663</u>	1,500	1,571	<u>2,302</u>	1,219	

George River Chinook



Date	Comments
7/21/2014	Escapement goal was met on July 10th.

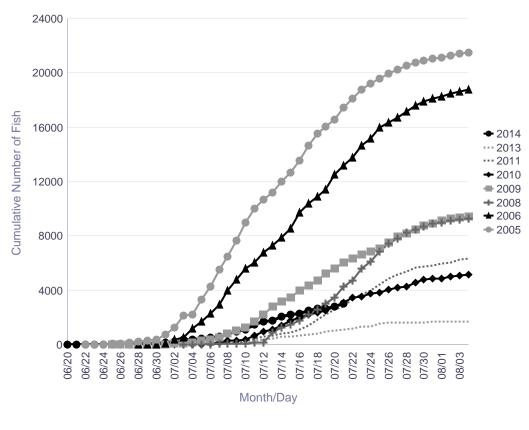
Kogrukluk River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Chinook Salmon

		Cumulative Daily Passage									
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
07/19	16,035	11,434		3,014	5,257	2,522	2,217		982	2,693	
07/20	16,586	12,516		3,506	5,639	2,811	2,559		1,064	2,821	
07/21	17,479	13,163		4,252	6,074	3,107	2,826		1,102	3,054	
07/22	<u>18,113</u>	13,748		<u>4,740</u>	<u>6,366</u>	<u>3,451</u>	3,389		<u>1,197</u>		
07/23	18,749	14,631		5,571	6,649	3,552	3,708		1,310		
07/24	19,205	15,178		6,105	6,876	3,750	3,993		1,350		
07/25	19,590	16,001		6,845	7,079	3,823	4,445		1,548		
07/26	19,949	16,371		7,449	7,540	4,061	4,858		1,618		

Escapement Goal Range: 4,800 to 8,800 Highlighted years below are when escapement goal was achieved or exceeded.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	21,999	19,414		9,730	9,701	5,693	6,890		1,772	

Kogrukluk River Chinook



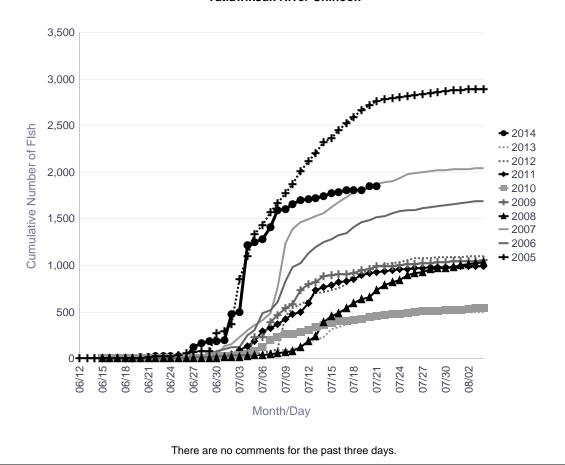
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Tatlawiksuk River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Chinook Salmon

		Cumulative Daily Passage										
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		
07/19	2,668	1,458	1,819	633	949	421	889	919	409	1,805		
07/20	2,720	1,487	1,848	655	960	437	915	941	434	1,846		
07/21	2,756	1,511	1,869	736	988	451	927	976	444	1,849		
07/22	2,780	1,526	1,888	782	991	466	935	1,008	450			
07/23	2,790	1,555	1,903	816	994	472	943	1,026	454			
07/24	2,805	1,576	1,934	842	1,001	478	952	1,035	458			
07/25	2,816	1,586	1,971	890	1,009	484	956	1,053	462			
07/26	2,827	1,591	1,989	917	1,014	495	964	1,070	465			

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	2,920	1,700	2,061	1,071	1,071	569	1,014	1,116	495	

Tatlawiksuk River Chinook

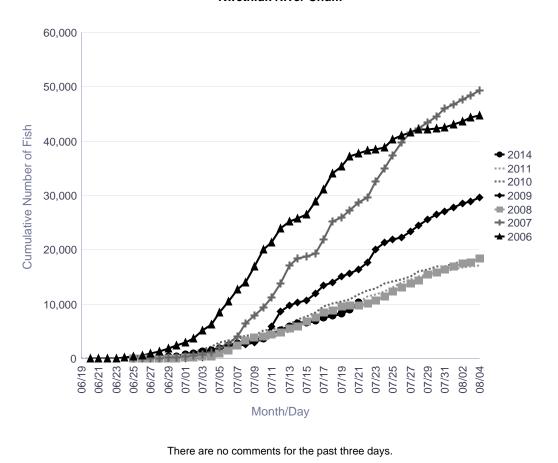


Kwethluk River Salmon Monitoring Project Cumulative Daily Passage of Chum Salmon

				(Cumulative D	aily Passag	е			
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/19		35,418	26,021	9,549	15,070	10,490	9,179			8,245
07/20		37,219	27,168	9,690	15,670	10,958	10,104			8,949
07/21		37,706	28,749	9,820	16,364	11,869	10,353			10,353
07/22		<u>38,285</u>	29,649	<u>10,105</u>	<u>17,634</u>	12,481	11,399			
07/23		38,513	32,621	10,633	20,118	12,910	11,807			
07/24		38,913	34,967	11,485	21,380	13,752	12,268			
07/25		40,246	37,397	12,284	21,836	14,138	13,158			
07/26		41,025	39,797	13,134	22,284	14,598	13,924			

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total		47,491	54,913	20,030	32,191	19,235	18,329			

Kwethluk River Chum

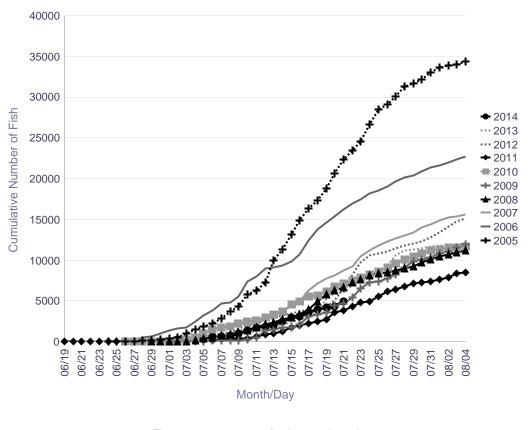


Tuluksak River Salmon Monitoring Project Cumulative Daily Passage of Chum Salmon

		Cumulative Daily Passage										
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		
07/19	18,752	14,651	7,716	5,790	3,611	6,124	2,691	4,251	5,295	4,211		
07/20	20,661	15,329	8,107	6,329	4,440	6,780	3,628	4,985	5,850	4,317		
07/21	22,306	16,161	8,755	6,647	4,645	7,183	3,848	6,517	6,075	4,942		
07/22	23,384	<u>16,884</u>	9,236	<u>7,199</u>	<u>5,397</u>	<u>7,474</u>	4,329	<u>8,207</u>	6,885			
07/23	24,520	17,388	10,425	7,650	6,502	7,921	4,761	9,746	7,664			
07/24	26,610	18,153	11,189	8,054	7,228	8,263	4,926	10,554	8,158			
07/25	28,407	18,535	11,744	8,375	7,376	8,601	5,559	10,814	8,592			
07/26	29,100	18,983	12,274	8,525	7,703	9,114	6,104	11,079	9,379			

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	35,696	25,652	17,286	12,550	13,671	13,042	9,828	16,981	12,911	

Tuluksak River Chum

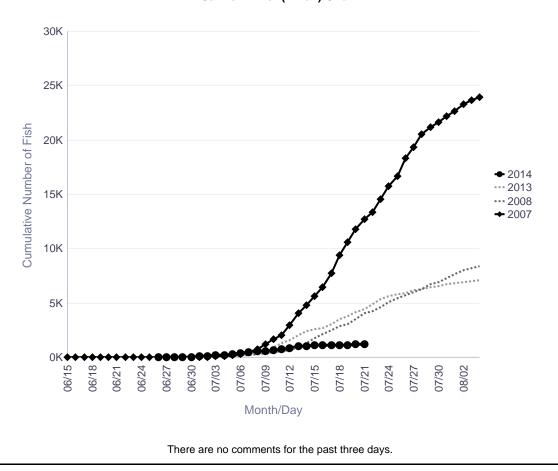


Salmon River (Aniak) Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Chum Salmon

				(Cumulative D	aily Passag	е			
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/19			10,619	3,046					3,814	1,159
07/20			11,824	3,544					4,163	1,177
07/21			12,740	4,080					4,471	1,229
07/22			<u>13,353</u>	<u>4,273</u>					4,933	
07/23			14,527	4,640					5,323	
07/24			15,737	5,037					5,661	
07/25			16,703	5,460					5,763	
07/26			18,285	5,703					5,906	

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total			25,379	9,459					7,666	

Salmon River (Aniak) Chum

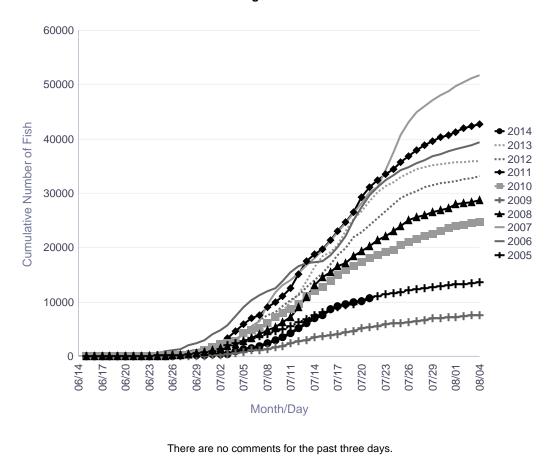


George River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Chum Salmon

		Cumulative Daily Passage										
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		
07/19	9,610	24,985	26,286	18,445	4,709	16,664	26,559	21,935	25,186	9,891		
07/20	10,122	27,459	28,170	19,387	5,105	17,264	29,256	22,899	26,702	10,230		
07/21	10,649	29,611	30,135	20,312	5,373	18,097	31,029	24,175	28,595	10,712		
07/22	<u>10,996</u>	<u>31,184</u>	31,064	21,282	<u>5,622</u>	<u>18,688</u>	32,330	<u>25,496</u>	30,144			
07/23	11,358	32,411	34,228	22,127	5,855	19,120	33,430	26,787	31,338			
07/24	11,651	33,411	37,562	22,999	6,008	19,602	34,500	28,072	32,021			
07/25	11,857	34,241	40,740	23,932	6,157	20,413	35,694	29,131	32,970			
07/26	12,114	34,850	43,141	24,969	6,362	21,028	36,817	29,829	33,709			

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	14,828	41,467	55,843	29,979	7,941	26,154	44,641	34,336	36,874	

George River Chum



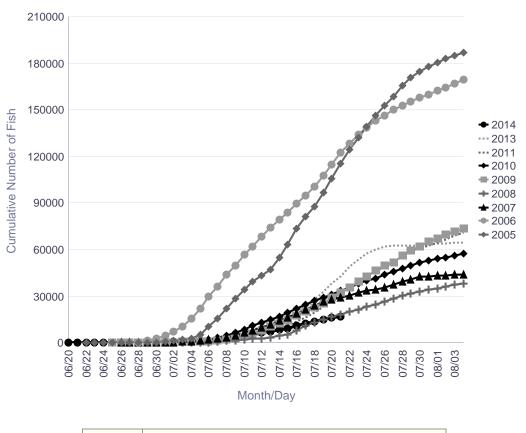
Kogrukluk River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Chum Salmon

				(Cumulative D	aily Passag	е			
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/19	96,389	107,693	26,659	14,778	25,407	29,231	23,417		33,031	14,892
07/20	105,630	114,903	27,939	16,675	28,914	31,286	27,550		38,214	15,939
07/21	115,514	122,572	29,252	18,441	32,182	33,563	31,272		42,314	17,142
07/22	124,093	128,519	30,599	<u>19,838</u>	35,687	<u>35,751</u>	<u>35,681</u>		48,772	
07/23	131,962	134,101	32,439	21,457	39,083	37,889	39,029		53,810	
07/24	139,285	138,597	33,359	22,994	42,738	39,933	43,053		57,229	
07/25	145,986	142,843	34,071	24,783	46,384	41,537	46,036		60,232	
07/26	152,697	146,527	35,822	26,525	49,405	43,830	49,133		61,628	

Escapement Goal Range: 15,000 to 49,000 Highlighted years below are when escapement goal was achieved or exceeded.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	<u>197,723</u>	<u>180,601</u>	<u>49,509</u>	44,978	84,940	63,582	<u>76,386</u>		<u>66,834</u>	

Kogrukluk River Chum



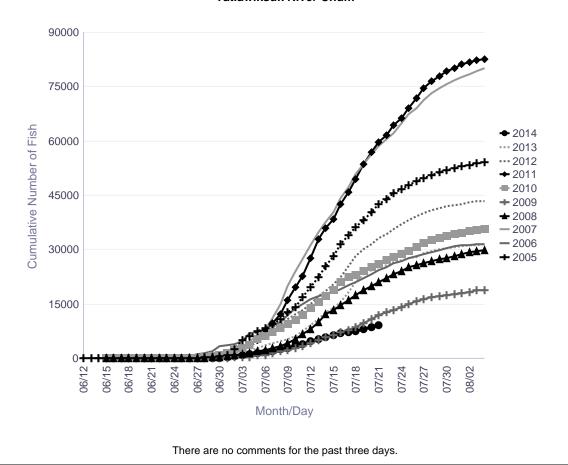
Date	Comments
7/20/2014	Escapement goal met (15,000).

Tatlawiksuk River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Chum Salmon

				(Cumulative D	aily Passag	е			
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/19	38,239	21,976	53,652	18,844	9,807	24,115	53,551	30,016	23,116	7,915
07/20	40,395	23,082	56,197	19,891	10,762	25,227	56,801	31,623	24,283	8,568
07/21	42,591	24,297	58,606	21,107	11,863	26,092	59,532	33,054	25,019	9,030
07/22	44,013	<u>25,221</u>	60,497	22,091	12,656	<u>27,035</u>	61,600	<u>34,353</u>	<u>25,821</u>	
07/23	45,504	26,183	62,215	23,079	13,406	27,803	64,231	35,678	26,436	
07/24	46,656	26,938	64,872	24,031	14,247	28,638	66,393	36,968	26,983	
07/25	47,794	27,672	67,270	25,137	15,012	29,539	69,059	38,224	27,524	
07/26	48,938	28,284	68,967	25,838	15,665	30,768	71,879	39,299	28,024	

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	55,724	32,303	83,246	30,896	19,975	36,702	84,204	44,572	32,277	

Tatlawiksuk River Chum

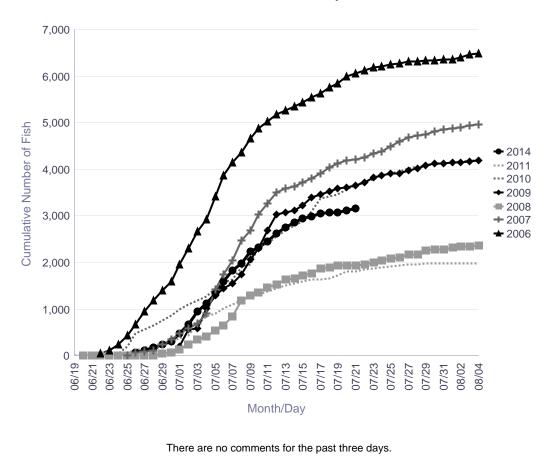


Kwethluk River Salmon Monitoring Project Cumulative Daily Passage of Sockeye Salmon

				(Cumulative D	aily Passag	е			
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/19		5,845	4,117	1,929	3,592	3,449	1,713			3,081
07/20		5,994	4,181	1,935	3,617	3,561	1,796			3,110
07/21		6,058	4,217	1,940	3,646	3,655	1,814			3,152
07/22		6,125	<u>4,251</u>	<u>1,961</u>	3,722	3,740	<u>1,843</u>			
07/23		6,180	4,339	2,006	3,817	3,776	1,873			
07/24		6,201	4,373	2,041	3,868	3,860	1,890			
07/25		6,242	4,483	2,083	3,906	3,902	1,919			
07/26		6,265	4,593	2,116	3,916	3,953	1,936			

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total		6,733	5,262	2,451	4,230	4,239	2,031			

Kwethluk River Sockeye

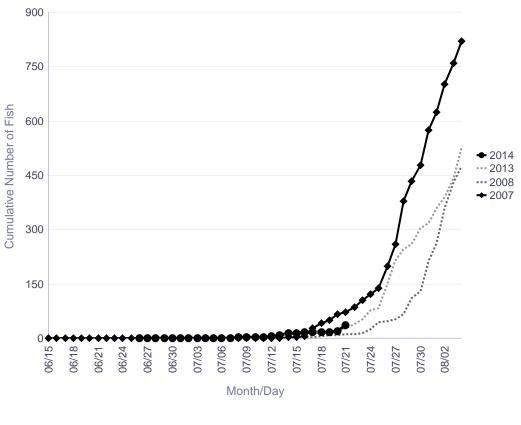


Salmon River (Aniak) Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Sockeye Salmon

				(Cumulative D	Daily Passag	е			
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/19			49	9					18	18
07/20			66	10					21	20
07/21			71	11					27	37
07/22			<u>86</u>	<u>11</u>					<u>39</u>	
07/23			105	14					53	
07/24			121	25					78	
07/25			139	45					82	
07/26			198	47					153	

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total			2,130	1,181					966	

Salmon River (Aniak) Sockeye



There are no comments for the past three days.

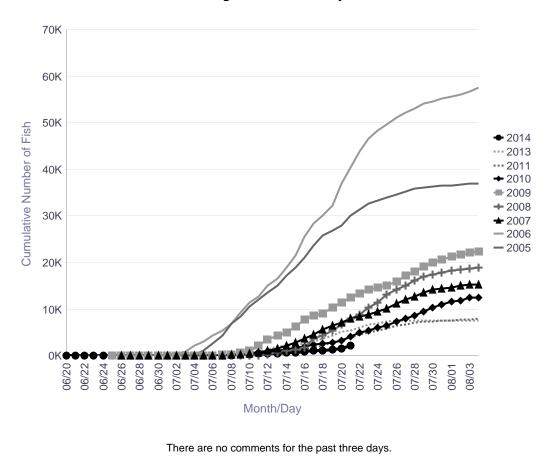
Kogrukluk River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Sockeye Salmon

				(Cumulative D	aily Passag	е			
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
07/19	26,773	32,268	6,367	5,399	10,408	2,758	2,892		4,380	1,307
07/20	27,889	36,932	7,200	6,658	11,469	3,233	3,516		5,076	1,591
07/21	30,013	40,408	7,912	7,925	12,562	4,069	3,856		5,452	2,194
07/22	31,327	43,827	<u>8,503</u>	<u>8,796</u>	<u>13,351</u>	<u>4,949</u>	<u>4,575</u>		6,022	
07/23	32,566	46,547	8,926	10,263	14,155	5,462	5,018		6,690	
07/24	33,342	48,302	9,444	11,405	14,723	6,102	5,359		6,925	
07/25	33,939	49,672	10,181	13,025	15,043	6,424	5,831		7,323	
07/26	34,584	51,054	11,255	14,284	15,890	7,284	6,364		7,464	

Escapement Goal Range: 4,400 to 17,000 Highlighted years below are when escapement goal was achieved or exceeded.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	37,939	60,807	16,526	19,675	23,785	13,997	8,135		7,882	

Kogrukluk River Sockeye

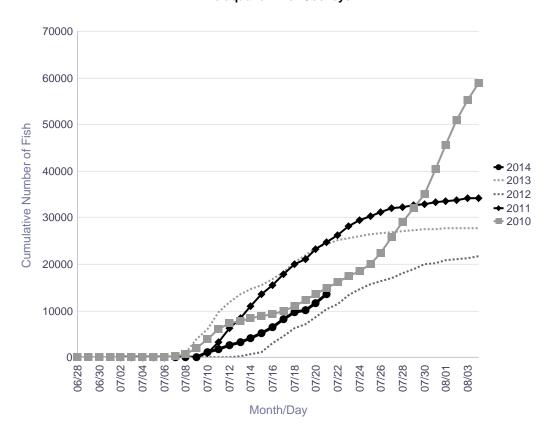


Telaquana River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Sockeye Salmon

		Cumula	assage			
Date	e 2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
07/19	12,243	21,137	7,014	21,937	10,081	
07/20	13,564	23,260	8,623	23,451	11,520	
07/21	14,898	24,753	10,234	24,213	13,502	
07/22	<u>16,154</u>	26,123	<u>11,467</u>	<u>25,068</u>		
07/23	17,457	28,047	13,293	25,616		
07/24	18,582	29,369	14,622	26,053		
07/25	20,015	30,234	15,784	26,489		
07/26	22,347	31,240	16,443	26,680		

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	72,020	35,105	22,994	27,806	

Telaquana River Sockeye



Day Comments

Date	Comments
7/20/2014	Partial day count. Hole formed due to shifting weir panel.

Kwethluk River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Coho Salmon

		Cumulative Daily Passage									
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
07/19		154	11	6	0			0		7	
07/20		243	39	6	0			0		14	
07/21		266	60	6	0			0		31	
07/22		<u>325</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>18</u>	1			<u>0</u>			
07/23		346	115	44	12						
07/24		358	149	79	24						
07/25		406	242	106	34						
07/26		456	371	145	38						

Escapement Goal Range: > 19,000 Highlighted years below are when escapement goal was achieved or exceeded.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total		25,664	20,256	49,972	21,911			19,960		

There are no comments for the past three days.

Tuluksak River Salmon Monitoring Project Cumulative Daily Passage of Coho Salmon

		Cumulative Daily Passage									
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
07/19	0	0	2	1	0	0		2	0	4	
07/20	2	4	2	1	0	0		16	1	4	
07/21	7	5	2	3	0	0		20	1	6	
07/22	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	1	<u>0</u>		<u>24</u>	<u>2</u>		
07/23	8	12	7	6	2	0		28	3		
07/24	8	19	11	9	2	0		33	3		
07/25	8	23	16	12	2	0		36	6		
07/26	8	29	25	14	2	0		43	10		

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	11,324	6,111	2,807	7,457	8,137	1,216		4,407	6,490	

There are no comments for the past three days.

Salmon River (Aniak) Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Coho Salmon

	Cumulative Daily Passage												
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014			
07/19				0	0				0	0			
07/20				0	0				0	0			
07/21				0	0				0				
07/22				<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>				<u>0</u>				
07/23				0	5				0				
07/24				0	7				0				
07/25				0	11				0				
07/26				0	14				0				

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total				11,022	6,391				2,869	

There are no comments for the past three days.

George River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Coho Salmon

	Cumulative Daily Passage												
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014			
07/19	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
07/20	0	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
07/21	0	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	0				
07/22	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>				
07/23	0	11	21	0	0	0	0	0	0				
07/24	3	14	24	0	0	0	0	0	1				
07/25	3	14	34	0	0	0	0	0	5				
07/26	13	14	48	4	1	1	1	1	8				

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	8,200	11,294	29,317	21,956	12,573	12,961	30,028	15,272	13,894	

There are no comments for the past three days.

Kogrukluk River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Coho Salmon

	Cumulative Daily Passage												
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014			
07/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
07/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
07/21	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
07/22	1	<u>0</u>	2	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>				
07/23	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				
07/24	6	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	0				
07/25	6	73	4	1	0	0	0	0	0				
07/26	10	83	11	2	0	0	0	0	0				

Escapement Goal Range: 13,000 to 28,000 Highlighted years below are when escapement goal was achieved or exceeded.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	<u>24,115</u>	<u>17,011</u>	27,034	<u>29,661</u>	22,981	<u>13,970</u>	<u>24,174</u>	13,697	23,590	

There are no comments for the past three days.

Tatlawiksuk River Weir Historical Cumulative Daily Passage of Coho Salmon

	Cumulative Daily Passage												
Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014			
07/19	1		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
07/20	1		3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0			
07/21	1		6	0	0	0	0	0	6	1			
07/22	<u>3</u>		9	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>				
07/23	4		10	0	0	0	1	0	9				
07/24	10		13	3	1	0	2	0	15				
07/25	18		16	3	1	0	2	4	18				
07/26	34		22	13	3	0	4	4	22				

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Season Total	7,560		8,686	11,065	10,155	3,521	12,927	8,070	13,076	

Date	Comments
7/21/2014	First coho

District 1 Commercial Openings for 2014 a

			_	Chinook ^b		Sockeye		Chum		Coho	
Date	Subdistrict P	ermits	Hours	Catch	CPUE	Catch	CPUE	Catch	CPUE	Catch	CPUE
7/14/2014	1-B	142	4	23	0.04	1,030	1.81	7,213	12.70	0	0.00
7/18/2014	1-B	159	6	3	0.00	847	0.89	7,135	7.48	1,856	1.95
7/21/2014	1-B	154	6 ^c	3	0.00	614	0.66	3,810	4.12	3,373	3.65
Total		159	16	29	0.01	2,491	0.98	18,158	7.14	5,229	2.06

^a In-season data is preliminary, subject to change.

^b All Chinook harvested during the commercial opening were not sold but kept as personal use.

 $^{^{\}rm c}$ Does not include 2-hour extension in Lower Section of 1-B.

2014 Location of Chum Salmon by Date Past Bethel Continuing Up the Kuskokwim River												
Community	RIVER MILES	DAYS BETWEEN SITES	Index 1	Index 2	Index 3	Index 4	Index 5	Index 6	Index 7	Index 8		
·	Beth	el Test Index	67.00	166.00	154.00	155.00	240.00	441.00	500.00	254.00		
	Cumul	Cumulative to Date		532	685	886	1,434	2,596	3,643	5,406		
Travel in mile	s per day	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
Apokak Slough S1 L	0	0	12-Jun	16-Jun	17-Jun	19-Jun	23-Jun	27-Jun	30-Jun	10-Jul		
Tuntutuliak	28	1.4	13-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun	20-Jun	24-Jun	28-Jun	1-Jul	11-Jul		
Johnson R S2 L	48	2.4	14-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun	21-Jun	25-Jun	29-Jun	2-Jul	12-Jul		
Napaskiak	60	3.0	15-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	22-Jun	26-Jun	30-Jun	3-Jul	13-Jul		
Bethel TF	66	3.3	15-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	22-Jun	26-Jun	30-Jun	3-Jul	13-Jul		
Kwethluk	82	4.1	16-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	23-Jun	27-Jun	1-Jul	4-Jul	14-Jul		
Akiak	100	5.0	17-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun	24-Jun	28-Jun	2-Jul	5-Jul	15-Jul		
Tuluksak S3 L	120	6.0	18-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun	25-Jun	29-Jun	3-Jul	6-Jul	16-Jul		
Kalskag	163	8.2	20-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	27-Jun	1-Jul	5-Jul	8-Jul	18-Jul		
Birch Tree	183	9.2	21-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun	28-Jun	2-Jul	6-Jul	9-Jul	19-Jul		
Aniak	191	9.6	21-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun	28-Jun	2-Jul	6-Jul	9-Jul	19-Jul		
Chuathbaluk S4 L	201	10.1	22-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	29-Jun	3-Jul	7-Jul	10-Jul	20-Jul		
Napaimiut	223	11.2	23-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	30-Jun	4-Jul	8-Jul	11-Jul	21-Jul		
Crooked Creek	259	13.0	24-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	1-Jul	5-Jul	9-Jul	12-Jul	22-Jul		
Holitna River S5 L	305	15.3	27-Jun	1-Jul	2-Jul	4-Jul	8-Jul	12-Jul	15-Jul	25-Jul		
Tatlawiksuk River	350	17.5	29-Jun	3-Jul	4-Jul	6-Jul	10-Jul	14-Jul	17-Jul	27-Jul		
McGrath	468	23.4	5-Jul	9-Jul	10-Jul	12-Jul	16-Jul	20-Jul	23-Jul	2-Aug		
Nikolai	Nikolai 585		11-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	18-Jul	22-Jul	26-Jul	29-Jul	8-Aug		
	Percent of total											
	BTF by c	date:	4%	9%	12%	15%	25%	45%	63%	93%		

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Time: 3:00 p.m.

Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery Announcement #18 Commercial Fishing Suspended

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

Based on historical Bethel Test Fishery (BTF) data, 99% of the king salmon run is in river. Escapements of king salmon at weir projects show improvement over recent poor years. Aerial surveys for king salmon in the upper portion of the Kuskokwim River indicate several escapement goals have been achieved. The king salmon escapement goal at George River was reached on July 10, while king salmon escapements to Kogrukluk and Kwethluk rivers are currently below recent averages.

Based on historical BTF data, 98% of the sockeye salmon run is in the river. Escapements through weir projects are varied and we are optimistic that we will achieve the Kogrukluk River sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 4,400–17,000.

BTF data indicates that the chum salmon run is tracking below recent 5- and 10-year averages and that historically 89% of the chum salmon run is through the lower river to date. The lower bound of the Kogrukluk River chum salmon SEG (15,000–49,000) was achieved on July 20. Three commercial fishing periods were allowed in the lower half of District W-1 during the last quarter of the chum salmon run between July 14 and July 21. Total commercial harvest was 2,491 sockeye, 18,158 chum, and 5,229 coho salmon. Twenty-nine king salmon were reported caught but not sold. The chum salmon harvest was below the recent 5-year average of 37,400 fish through July 21.

Since coho salmon are now entering the river, following the *Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 07.365), the department is now managing for coho salmon escapement goals, subsistence priority, and to allow for other uses when there is a surplus.

The preseason outlook is for below average to average coho salmon run and a projected commercial harvest ranging from 80,000–140,000 fish. However, the coho salmon run will be managed with the expectation that the subsistence harvest will be larger than average because of conservation actions taken in June for king salmon. Because coho salmon are just beginning to enter the Kuskokwim River and it is too early to determine the strength of the run, commercial fishing is being suspended until run assessment indicates there is a harvestable surplus available. The department will be meeting with the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group and assessing coho salmon abundance as the run enters the Kuskokwim River as indicated by subsistence harvest reports and BTF.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel Fish and Game office, on the State of Alaska web site (http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies. For additional information or questions regarding Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in the Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 1-855-933-2433.

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Time: 4:00 p.m.

Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery Update #5 Kuskokwim River Inseason Assessment and Run Status

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for subsistence fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

All Bethel Test Fishery and escapement numbers can be found online at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareakuskokwim.salmon#/fishcounts

Bethel Test Fishery

Bethel Test Fishery continues to operate on schedule. The cumulative Catch Per Unit Effort as of July 21, is 648 Chinook; 1,323 sockeye; 5,832 chum; and 90 for coho salmon. The cumulative Chinook value is higher than 5 of the last 6 years, and indicates it is likely we will achieve escapement goals. The decreasing daily values are indicating the Chinook salmon run is coming to an end, average run timing indicates it is 99% complete past Bethel. Chum salmon cumulative CPUE is about average as of this date. The counts have dropped off in the last week, now indicating the chum salmon is coming to an end a bit earlier than anticipated, and run timing indicates the run is 88-94% complete. Sockeye salmon cumulative CPUE is similar to the average, indicating an average size run, and the recent decreases in daily CPUE, and average run timing indicate the run is 99% complete past Bethel. This is the earliest coho salmon have been caught in the test fishery, and the total CPUE is average as of this date. It is still early in the coho run with anticipated peak abundances being around the first week of August.

Lower Kuskokwim River Chinook Salmon Tagging

In an effort to understand the migration speed of Chinook salmon through the lower Kuskokwim River, ADF&G is conducting a new pilot project below Johnson River. This project uses 7.5" & 8" drift gillnets to capture and live release Chinook salmon with tags attached to monitor their migration upriver. This project completed the tagging portion on July 9. The crew deployed 92 tags throughout the season.

Preliminary results indicate tags have successfully moved upriver in the mainstem Kuskokwim River, and have been located in the Kwethluk River. Travel speed was about 3 days on average from Johnson River to Bethel. 10 of the tags deployed have been identified passing the Kwethluk River weir, and these tags were well distributed throughout the run, indicating Kwethluk River Chinook salmon arrive in the Kuskokwim River throughout the run. It took tagged fish around 19 days to go from the tagging location to the weir.

These fish are identifiable by a plastic tag attached to their back, and a metal antennae coming out of their mouth. If you find one of these tagged fish, please call the number on the plastic tag, and you will be entered into a monthly cash drawing of \$200, and a seasonal cash drawing of \$500.

Kalskag Area Fish wheels /Drift Gillnet Tagging; ADF&G, KNA

Similar to other years this project has operated, we are cooperating with Kuskokwim Native Association to tag Chinook salmon using fish wheels and drift gillnets near Kalskag. Tagged fish that are later recovered at weir projects, allow for ADF&G to estimate the total abundance of Chinook salmon in the middle and upper Kuskokwim River. This project ended tagging operations on July 17th, and deployed 295 tags in Chinook salmon.

Preliminary information shows that several of these tagged fish have passed upriver weirs. Aerial survey flights will be conducted August 26-30, to identify final tag locations in the mainstem. These fish are identifiable by a plastic tag attached to their back, and a metal antennae coming out of their mouth. If you find one of these tagged fish, please call the number on the plastic tag, and you will be entered into a monthly cash drawing of \$200, and a seasonal cash drawing of \$500.

Kuskokwim River Sonar Investigation

ADF&G staff surveyed the lower Kuskokwim River from the Kwethluk "Y" to Johnson River looking for potential sites for a main stem sonar site. Potentially useable sites were identified upriver of Bethel, and sonar tests indicated fish were identifiable with the sonar. ADF&G will continue to pursue feasibility of these identifiable sites as inseason monitoring projects.

Kwethluk River Salmon Monitoring; USFWS

This monitoring station is located on the Kwethluk River and monitors salmon passage to spawning areas, as well as serving as a recapture site for tagged Chinook salmon. This project became operational on the evening of June 25, which is earlier than 3 of the past five years. As of July 21, the crew has counted 2,922 Chinook; 3,152 sockeye; 10,353 chum; and 31 coho salmon. The Chinook salmon escapement goal is becoming less likely to be achieved, as the run slows. Average run timing indicate the escapement is 84% complete for Chinook salmon. Chum salmon escapement is below average at this point, and average run timing indicates the escapement is about 60% complete. Sockeye salmon escapement is above average for this date, and average run timing indicates the run is just beginning (<1% complete).

Tuluksak River Salmon Monitoring; USFWS

This monitoring station is located in the Tuluksak River drainage and monitors salmon passage to spawning areas, as well as serving as a recapture site for tagged Chinook salmon. This project became operational on June 30, which is a few days later than the past few years. As of July 21, the crew has counted 279 Chinook; 339 sockeye; 4,942 chum; and 6 coho salmon. Chinook salmon escapement is higher than 5 of the past 7 years as of this date. Average run timing indicates the Chinook escapement is 74% complete. Chum salmon escapement is below average for this date, and average run timing indicates the escapement is 51% complete. Sockeye salmon escapement is above average for this date, and average run timing indicates the escapement is 60% complete. Coho salmon are arriving a little earlier than in past years, but the escapement is just starting, with average run timing being <1% complete.

Salmon River Weir; ADF&G, KNA

This weir is located in the Aniak River drainage and monitors salmon passage to spawning areas, as well as serving as a recapture site for tagged Chinook salmon. This project became operational on the evening of June 26, and has had continuous operations. As of July 21, the crew has counted 1,334 Chinook; 37 sockeye; and 1,229 chum salmon. There are no escapement goals for this system, and all of the escapements this year are within the range of previous years.

George River Weir; ADF&G, KNA

This weir is located in the George River drainage and monitors salmon passage to spawning areas, as well as serving as a recapture site for tagged Chinook salmon. This weir began operations on June 16th, and has had continuous operations. As of July 21, the crew has counted 2,518 Chinook; and 10,712 chum salmon. The Chinook salmon count achieved the lower bound of the escapement goal on July 10th, and average run timing indicates the escapement is 88% complete. Chum salmon escapement is below average for this date in past years, and average run timing indicates the escapement is 73% complete at this point.

Tatlawiksuk River Weir; ADF&G, KNA

This weir is located in the Tatlawiksuk River drainage and monitors salmon passage to spawning areas, as well as serving as a recapture site for tagged Chinook salmon. This weir began operations on June 14th, with 3.5 days of no operation due to high water. As of July 21, the crew has counted 1,849 Chinook; 9,030 chum; and 1 coho salmon. Chinook salmon escapement is above average on this day with only 4 years seeing higher escapements to date. Average run timing indicates the Chinook salmon run is 86% complete. Chum salmon escapements are below average with only 2 years having seen fewer fish at this point. Average run timing indicates the chum salmon escapement is 73% complete. Coho salmon arrival at this project is about average.

Kogrukluk River Weir; ADF&G

This weir is located in the Holitna River drainage and monitors salmon passage to spawning areas, as well as serving as a recapture site for tagged Chinook salmon. This weir began operations on June 20th, and has had continuous operations. As of July 21, the crew has counted 3,049 Chinook; 2,194 sockeye; and 17,142 chum salmon. The Chinook salmon count is below average for this date, and average run timing indicates the escapement is 75% complete. Achievement of the escapement goal for Chinook salmon is uncertain, but it will likely be close to the lower bound. Chum salmon escapement is below average at this point, and average run timing indicates the escapement is 72% complete. The escapement goal for chum salmon was

achieved on July 20th. Sockeye salmon escapement is below average for this date, and average run timing indicates the escapement is 74% complete. It is uncertain if the lower bound of the escapement goal will be achieved, the run timing might be later than average which would indicate achievement of the lower end of the escapement goal is possible.

Summary

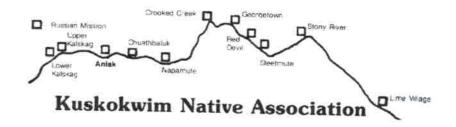
Achievement of escapement goals for Chinook salmon is uncertain at several projects, and the Kuskokwim River. One escapement project has achieved the escapement goal, while the others will likely be close to the lower end. Escapements are higher than the past few years, showing that the restrictions were necessary and were successful at increasing escapement.

Chum salmon escapements are below average for all projects, but all projects are within the historical ranges, and the escapement goal at Kogrukluk was achieved.

Sockeye salmon escapements are below average, but all projects are within the historical ranges, and achievement of the Kogrukluk escapement goal is uncertain, but possible, at this point.

Coho salmon have started to reach the escapement projects, which is on the early side, but not unusually early. It is early to estimate escapement outcomes.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel Fish and Game office, on the State of Alaska web site (http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies. For additional information or questions regarding Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in the Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 1-855-933-2433.



Date:

July 21, 2014

To:

Tim Towarak, Chairman Federal Subsistence Board

Neil Lalonde, Federal In-Season Manager for the Kuskokwim River

Refuge Manager Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge

From:

Kuskokwim Native Association

Subject:

Request for Special Action to be taken to ensure continued subsistence use, as

defined in 50 CFR Part 100, Subpart B, § 100.19.

The Board of Directors for the Kuskokwim Native Association (KNA) passed Resolution 05-2014 on July 20, 2014, requesting the Federal Subsistence Board's (FSB) consideration to ensure that reasonable opportunity and priority use of subsistence resources is provided to meet our members subsistence needs. We request that the FSB take Special Action and exert Federal jurisdiction for the Fisheries Management on the Kuskokwim River for the remainder of the 2014 Fishing season.

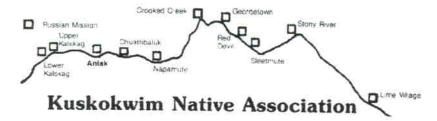
KNA is a regional non-profit native organization created to serve 12 villages along the middle and upper Kuskokwim River. The KNA Fisheries Program was created in 1996, and is a cooperator to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Commercial Fisheries Division on several salmon monitoring projects. The KNA Fisheries Department began receiving funds in 2002 from the Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) to support OSM's Partners in Fisheries Monitoring Program; KNA has been active in management of fisheries on the Kuskokwim in an advisory capacity since this partnership.

KNA and members represented by KNA would appreciate your timely consideration of this matter to fulfill promises made to the subsistence users of the middle and upper Kuskokwim River.

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J Navarrette KNA Executive Director Per KNA Board of Directors



Kuskokwim Native Association Resolution No. 05-2014

A RESOLUTION FROM THE KUSKOKWIM NATIVE ASSOICATION TO ENSURE THAT REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY AND PRIORITY USE OF SUBSISTENCE RESOURCES IS PROVIDED TO MEET OUR MEMBERS SUBSISTENCE NEEDS. WE REQUEST THAT THE FEDERAL SUBSISTANCE BOARD TAKE SPECIAL ACTION AND EXERT FEDERAL JURSDICTION FOR FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ON THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2014 FISHING SEASON.

WHEREAS: The people of the mid and upper Kuskokwim River have clearly and repeatedly expressed to State and Federal Managers that for the majority of residents their subsistence needs have not been met and that they will be relying on coho salmon to do so; requiring them to harvest three or more times the number of coho salmon than they have in past years;

WHEREAS: The Chinook salmon conservation actions enacted this year by Federal and State Managers in part assured subsistence users that reasonable opportunity would be provided on other species of salmon to compensate for the lack of opportunity to harvest Chinook salmon;

WHEREAS: The people of the mid and upper Kuskokwim River understood the necessity and supported these Chinook salmon conservation actions with the express understanding that reasonable opportunity for other species would be provided to meet their subsistence needs;

WHEREAS: Concerns of low abundances of chum and sockeye salmon in the mid and upper river, first observed by subsistence fishers, was expressed to State and Federal Managers early in the chum run; that concern has now been confirmed by escapement monitoring projects, has contributed to the low harvest numbers despite exercising due diligence, and has raised further conservation concerns for these species by subsistence users;

WHEREAS: Despite all the concerns (stated above) by the people of the mid and upper river to State and Federal Managers, commercial chum directed fisheries were and are currently being allowed, even while subsistence users remain under restrictions;

WHEREAS: The people of the mid and upper Kuskokwim River are the most qualified group to evaluate if and how subsistence needs will, or will not be met under these unique circumstances that have resulted from management actions and low abundances;

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Kuskokwim Native Association request through Special Action the Federal Subsistence Board take immediate action to exert Federal jurisdiction for management of the Kuskokwim River fishery for the remainder of the 2014 season, and that the fishery is managed to the greatest extent possible to meet subsistence needs, and that subsistence uses are the priority consumptive use, above all others.

This will certify the foregoing resolution was approved on this date: 7-21-14, by:

Organization:

KNA

Chairman: Memcoli Niek Konwoff h.

Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

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July 21, 2014

Cora Campbell, Commissioner Department of Fish and Game 1255 W. 8th St Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

Commissioner Campbell;

As one of the co-chairs of the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Group we are requesting your assistance.

In our last meeting on July 9th, the working group voted against a commercial opening. Many subsistence fishers stated they were still trying to meet their needs for winter and did not want to see a opener.

We have been through one of our toughest seasons, starting with heavy restrictions to save the Kuskokwim Chinook run. We are asking you to step in, review the season and stop all commercial fishing on the river and in the bay.

The working group does not feel the chum runs are adequate for a commercial opener and that the silvers mixed in with the chum run are much needed for those Including myself to supplement the void left from not fishing on Chinook. The Department head Biologist Aaron Potter stated, "he thinks the numbers are adequate to allow not one but now a third scheduled for today. We do not think so and want to be more conservative.

Upriver residents are steaming mad and feel that no one cares about the fact that they need these fish. CVRF Processor representative, Henry Mitchell publicly stated that last year they lost 4 million dollars and this year they are going to lose money again. This statement further upset subsistence fishers.

I am asking that you contact me and any of the chairs of the working group as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Beverly A Hoffman, co-chair Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group bev@kuskofish.com 543-3239.

July 21, 2014

Cora Campbell, Commissioner Department of Fish and Game 1255 W. 8th St Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

Commissioner Campbell;

I am writing to you as the Chair of the Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee and am requesting your assistance to stop any and all commercial openers withinin the Kuskokwim River Basin which have a direct impact on the middle rivers ability to meet their subsistence needs.

On July 18, 2014 there was a meeting held in Lower Kalskag in which the status of subsistence needs in the river was discussed. Resulting from the overwhelming public comments, a Federal Special Action was immediately requested to prevent any or all commercial fishing which would interfere with the people's ability to meet their subsistence needs.

However, since that meeting, News Release #17 has announced another commercial opener for today. This is a slap in the face to the subsistence needs of the middle river people. (I am pretty comfortable saying to people throughout the basin; however I can only officially represent the Center Kuskokwim Advisory Committee).

This position opposing the commercial openers is consistent with the position the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group voted on during their July 16th meeting and expressed during their July 8th meeting. I am not sure who the State is listening to but certainly not the voice of the people.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our stated position, please feel free to contact me (907) 676-0444. Action is needed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Lisa Carmel Feyereisen, Chair Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee