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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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### NEWS RELEASE



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#### 2018 STIKINE AND TAKU RIVERS CHINOOK SALMON FORECASTS

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the preseason forecasts for Chinook salmon returning to the Stikine and Taku Rivers in 2018.

The **2018 preseason terminal run size forecast for Stikine River large Chinook salmon is 6,900 fish.** A preseason terminal run forecast of this size does not provide an Allowable Catch (AC) for either the U.S. or Canada as the forecast is below the lower end of the Escapement Goal Range (EGR) of 14,000 to 28,000 fish.

The **2018 preseason terminal run size forecast for Taku River large Chinook salmon is 4,700 fish.** A preseason terminal run forecast of this size does not provide an AC for either the U.S. or Canada as the forecast is below the lower end of the EGR of 19,000 to 36,000 fish.

Inseason terminal run size estimates for the Stikine and Taku rivers may be produced in 2018, but it is very unlikely any directed Chinook salmon fisheries will occur.

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