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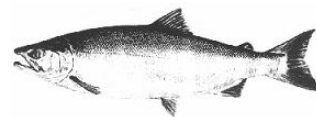
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#### 2012 STIKINE RIVER KING SALMON FORECAST

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the preseason forecast for king salmon returning to the Stikine River in 2012.

The 2012 preseason terminal run forecast for large Stikine River king salmon is **40,800 fish**. The resulting **U.S. Allowable Catch (AC) is 5,890 large Stikine Kings**. An AC of 5,890 fish allows for limited directed commercial fisheries to occur in District 8 beginning May 7. News releases announcing specific opening times and areas will be released in mid-April, 2012. The 2012 preseason forecast marks the first forecast since 2008 that allows for directed commercial fisheries in District 8.

The 2012 Taku River king forecast is awaiting final review and approval by both U.S. and Canada. The Taku forecast will be released as soon as it becomes available.

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