



Yukon Salmon Committee Update

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Meeting Highlights

The following is a brief overview of some of the topics of discussion for the November 13-15, 2001 meeting.

- ☆ **Youth Initiative** – The YSC is currently exploring funding options and determining criteria to select a youth as a functioning YSC member.
- ☆ **IFMP Working Groups** – YSC members reviewed the process that they will follow to develop the 2002 Integrated Fisheries Management Plans (IFMPs). This process will focus on involving stakeholders in the development of the plan, and providing meaningful opportunities to provide input.
- ☆ **Yukon Placer Authorization Review** – The Committee was briefed on the progress of the Yukon Placer Authorization Review. The Yukon Placer Committee has selected both a technical advisor and a neutral facilitator to oversee consultations. The YSC will continue to monitor the Review.

YSC Elect New Chair and Vice Chair

YSC is pleased to announce the election of their new **Chair, Lorelei Smith**, and **Vice Chair, Craig McKinnon**. Ms. Smith has been an active sport fisher for many years and brings to the position a deep commitment to the conservation of Yukon's salmon resource. Mr. McKinnon is a member of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and is excited to contribute his many years of experience working in the field of Renewable Resources. YSC members also thanked outgoing Chair, Carl Sidney, and Vice Chair Gerry Couture for their excellent work. ←

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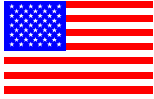
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**Canada-United States
Yukon River Salmon Negotiations**



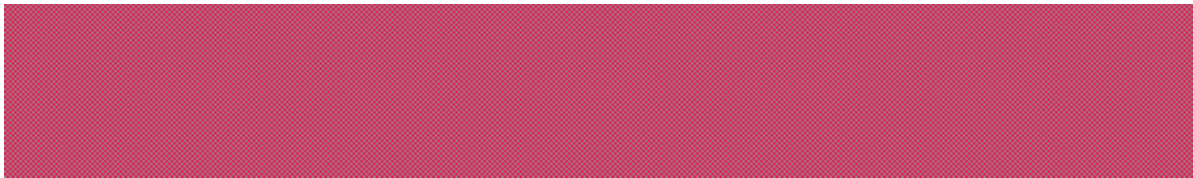
After sixteen years, Yukon River salmon negotiations between the United States and Canada ended successfully early this April in Whitehorse.

The highly productive negotiations addressed all salmon management and conservation issues. Agreement was also reached on harvest shares, a restoration and enhancement fund for Yukon River salmon, and the introduction of catch limits on intercepted Yukon River salmon originating in Canada.

The Yukon River Salmon Agreement text was prepared and initialled by the delegations and awaits official approval by the US and Canadian governments. The delegations have, however, consented to put the management regimes outlined in the Agreement into practice immediately. A signing ceremony for the finalized agreement has been tentatively scheduled for early winter.

As part of the new Agreement, the Yukon River Panel met this fall to make management and conservation recommendations to the Canadian government and respective US agencies on salmon originating in the Canadian portion of the Yukon River.

For details of the draft Agreement, please contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada at (867) 393-6722.



Canadian Yukon River fall Chum Salmon

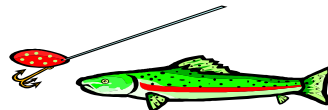
Canadian Yukon River Chinook Salmon

	2001	2000	10-yr avg.
<i>Commercial</i>	2,198	1,319	16,665
<i>Domestic</i>	3	0	0
<i>Aboriginal Fishery</i>	2,717	2,917	2,406
<i>Test Fishery</i>	1	N/A	N/A
<i>Escapement</i>	34,119	55,362	78,531
<i>Total Border Passage Estimate</i>	39,038	59,598	97,601

	2001	2000	10-yr avg.
<i>Commercial</i>	1,351	0	7,433
<i>Domestic</i>	89	0	209
<i>Aboriginal Fishery</i>	7,421	4,068	7,187
<i>Test Fishery</i>	767	761	N/A
<i>Escapement</i>	44,222	12,166	23,900
<i>Total Border Passage Estimate</i>	53,850	16,995	39,298

* All numbers are preliminary.

* Sport Harvest numbers are currently not available



HABITAT ISSUES

Water Board Compensation

The Yukon Territory Water Board has developed an information package on compensation under the Yukon Waters Act and Chapter 14 of the UFA. This package intends to provide guidance to applicants seeking water use licenses and compensation. The Board has decided to use these documents on an interim basis, for a period of approximately one year. ➔

Faro – Freshwater Dam

One of the projects this past summer was to inspect the discharge pipe in the freshwater dam at the Faro mine site. From the investigation two concerns were raised. First, the discharge pipe is becoming thin, and second, there appears to be a sag in the pipe. A final decision has not been made, but a siphon is being used to lower the water level in the freshwater lake as a short-term solution. ➔

Dawson Sewage

Dawson City consultants and stakeholders hope to have an Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) completed by the end of the year regarding their new sewage system. Once the EAR is finished, it will need to be submitted to DIAND for formal processing to begin. YSC has asked for clarification regarding the funding status of this project, as there are concerns that funding intended for the sewage project have been re-allocated to the Recreation Complex. ➔

United Keno Hill Mines

Advanced Metal Technologies (AMT) has decided to attain the assets of the UKHM. AMT has taken over the day to day care, maintenance, and water treatment at the Keno site. They are also treating discharged water from the Husky and Galkeno adits, though they are allowing the Silver King adit to drain without processing. AMT claims that the untreated water goes to ground and is naturally processed without affecting surface watercourses or the aquatic ecosystem. Many concerns surround the acquisition of the UKHM mine site. A number of governmental departments have visited the site, including DIAND and Natural Resources Canada. The Yukon Salmon Committee has requested that they be included in any site tours and has reiterated to Government Departments their mandate to protect salmon habitat. ➔

Just a reminder...

A friendly reminder to all salmon anglers to return your completed **Salmon Conservation Catch Card** to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans by November 30th, 2001. You can also make submissions on line: www.yukonweb.com/government/salmon/. We welcome your input, so please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.



Contact Us!

We want to hear from you!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, or if you would like to make a submission or include an item in our Calendar of Events, please don't hesitate to contact us. We can be reached at:

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FROM THE SALMON COMMITTEE KITCHEN...

Teri yaki Salmon

Ingredients:

1 salmon fillet (1 ½ lbs)
or

4 salmon steaks

½ cup brown sugar

¼ cup soy sauce

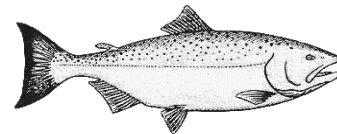
¼ cup water

2 Tbsp fresh lemon jui



Directions:

Heat brown sugar, soy sauce, water and lemon juice in a frying pan large enough to hold the salmon snugly. Boil, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until sugar is melted. Add salmon, reduce heat, and cover. Simmer salmon for 5-6 minutes per side. Remove the salmon and keep warm. Boil the sauce until thickened, about 4 minutes. Serve the salmon drizzled with sauce and garnished with lemon slices.



Upcoming Meetings...

The Yukon Salmon Committee plans to hold a number of meetings, including those open to the public, in the coming months. Following are the tentative dates:

- January 15-18, 2002 - Whitehorse (YSC Meeting)
- March 26-28, 2002 - Whitehorse (YSC Meeting)
- March 27, 2002 - Whitehorse (Public Meeting)
- April 2, 2002 - Dawson City (Public Meeting)
- April 4, 2002 - Old Crow (Public Meeting)
- April 8, 2002 - Haines Junction (Public Meeting)

If you have any issues or concerns you would like to have addressed, please do not hesitate to contact us!