



Yukon Salmon Committee Update

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Meeting Highlights

The Yukon Salmon Committee met in Whitehorse November 14-16 2000. Following is a brief overview of some of the items that were discussed at the meeting:

- * **Draft National Code on Introductions and Transfers of Aquatic Organisms** – The Draft Code was reviewed and the YSC discussed options for the development of recommendations;
- * **Responsible Fishing Awards for Youth** – the YSC reviewed a proposal to implement a recognition program for youth who are acting as responsible sports fishers, and stewards of the Yukon's salmon resource;
- * **Sparkling Creek** – The YSC heard a presentation from DIAND on the recent spill at Sparkling Creek and the process for handling such incidents.

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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Youth Responsible Fishing Contest

The Yukon Salmon Committee will be helping youth learn about salmon stewardship and responsible fishing practices through their upcoming Kid's Contest. Yukon students up to age 18, will be encouraged to submit an essay, drawing or photo that illustrates one of the following themes:

- * *What does responsible fishing mean and how can you practice it?*
- * *What does salmon stewardship mean and how can you help protect Yukon salmon?*
- * *What can you do to enhance Yukon salmon?*

Prizes will be awarded in three age categories: 8 & under, 9-12 and 13-18, and students will be able to have fun while learning about the importance of protecting our invaluable salmon resource.



Funding for this program has been provided through the Salmon Conservation Catch Card. For more information on the contest contact the Yukon Salmon Committee or watch for our ads coming up in the Yukon News and the Whitehorse Star.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

YUKON SALMON COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 16-18
WHITEHORSE

YUKON RIVER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 3-5
DAWSON CITY

PORCUPINE RIVER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC MEETING
April 7-9
OLD CROW

YUKON RIVER HARVEST STUDY MEETING
JANUARY 15
WHITEHORSE

YUKON RIVER SALMON NEGOTIATIONS
MARCH (DATE TBA)
WHITEHORSE

NATIONAL FIRST NATIONS FISHERY
Meeting
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA
LATE JANUARY

Fish Facts

Did you Know...

During the migrations and nest-building activity that precede mating, neither the female nor the male Pacific Salmon. consume food.



Meet and Greet Workshops and Meetings

Salmon Committee representatives attended the following meetings and workshops:

- * Meeting with CYFN Leadership re: fisheries issues;
- * Anvil Range Mine Review Group Meeting
- * Anvil Range Mine Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
- * Yukon HCSP Stewards Meeting
- * YPC and Technical Advisory Committee
- * 5th Annual Renewable Resources Councils Meeting



The Yukon Habitat Conservation & Stewardship Program (HCSP)

YSC will feature regular updates from our Habitat Stewards in the Communities. This month we hear from Beverly Brown in Carmacks/Pelly and Jake Duncan from Dawson City.

Beverly Brown Pelly/Carmacks

The Habitat Steward in Pelly/Carmacks has been keeping busy! Getting to know the various agencies and community members in both communities has been a priority to ensure that watershed management is incorporated into land and water planning.

The upcoming Forest Summit for the four Central Yukon communities is being held in Carmacks and will focus on community planning and collaboration. This will be an excellent opportunity to voice concerns on salmon habitat and protection.

Assisting community members with the development of project proposals is a big part of the Steward's job and helps to ensure that the jobs created on the river reflect the values of restoration, conservation, enhancement and stewardship.

The creation of a non-profit group called the Carmacks River Vision Society is certain to enhance communication between community members and various agencies. A newsletter and springtime workshop are currently being developed

Jake Duncan Dawson

As the Dawson Area Habitat Steward, I can tell you that there is no shortage of work to do. Since the busy summer field season I have focused on completing Restoration & Enhancement projects and planning for the 2001 season. Some of the other projects I have worked on include:

- organizing a comprehensive computer literacy course for fishers and First Nation people;
- bringing salmon eggs into the Robert Service School for the "Salmon in the Classroom" program;
- organizing and conducting winter field work;
- building a wall tent camp for the 2001 season;
- meeting with organizations such as the Yukon River Commercial Fishing Association, the Dawson District RRC, the KPMA, and both First Nation and non-First Nation government departments to establish and maintain mutual understandings in the stewardship of Yukon River salmon and salmon habitat;
- participating in many workshops and HCSP/Habitat Steward meetings to build the Yukon program;

to name just a few.

I am currently assisting the community with a wide variety of Restoration and Enhancement proposals for 2001.

FROM THE SALMON COMMITTEE KITCHEN...

Sesame Salmon with Wasabi Sauce

- One hefty salmon steak
- 2 Tbsp. sesame seeds
- Oil for sautéing
- Soy sauce
- 1 tsp. wasabi powder
- 1 tsp. water
- 1 Tbsp. heavy cream
- Salt to taste
- Slivered red bell pepper (for garnish)
- Slivered green onion (scallion, for garnish)

Make wasabi sauce: mix wasabi powder and water to make a paste, let stand for 10 minutes. Mix in heavy cream and season to taste with salt. Coat the fish with sesame seeds and sauté in oil on both sides, in a skillet, until it flakes (i.e., is just done). Season to taste with soy sauce. Transfer to a serving plate and top with the wasabi sauce, sprinkle with a garni



HABITAT ISSUES

WATER BOARD STANDARD APPLICATION FORM FOR CLASS A MINING LICENCES

The Yukon Salmon Committee was asked to prove initial comments on what the application form should contain last February. The Water Board consultant who is working on this project stated recently that a discussion document should be available by the end of the year for review and comment.♣

United Keno Hill Mine

The company is still in bankruptcy court and has not complied with the conditions of probation resulting from convictions under the Yukon Waters Act. The company has not paid its fines or completed studies required under the probation order. Further court action is delayed pending resolution of bankruptcy issues. The company has indicated that they believe they will have a satisfactory offer for creditors on the table by early December. This offer will hopefully provide the funds necessary to deal with environmental concerns and complete the required studies. The YSC will write a letter to the new Ministers re-affirming their concerns with this operation.♣

Dawson Sewage

The City of Dawson had hoped to have a letter of intent for design and construction of a treatment facility with EPCOR signed by the end of September, prior to this fall's municipal election. This did not happen and it now appears that further negotiations are under way between the City of Dawson and YTG regarding funding of construction and O&M as well as the availability of land for construction. A letter was prepared asking for an update on progress toward the construction of a facility.♣

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DIAND's water licence for this site expired at the end of September and was not renewed. DIAND continues work on the site, treating water and undertaking other tasks. Currently a new seepage dam is being constructed to capture seepage from the tailings facility. Water quality in the tailings pond has improved substantially but the water quality from the seepage is getting worse. Seepage water is being pumped back to the tailings pond for treatment. The YSC will draft a letter to the new Ministers advising of the general concerns with this site and requesting that thorough consultation with Yukon First Nations occurs.♣

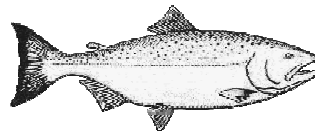
MINING LAND USE REGULATION DEVELOPMENT

DIAND has not yet got the mandate to begin developing regulations and it seems that any discussion document will not be available until next spring at the earliest. The YSC will continue to monitor this issue.♣

At Our Next Meeting...

The Yukon Salmon Committee will meet in Whitehorse January 16 - 18, 2001. Some of the issues that will be discussed include:

- Sustainable Development Workshop Report;
- Yukon River Harvest Study;
- 2001 Yukon Placer Authorization;
- Clinton Creek update
- Habitat Concerns



If you have any issues or concerns you would like to see included on our agenda, please do not hesitate to contact us!