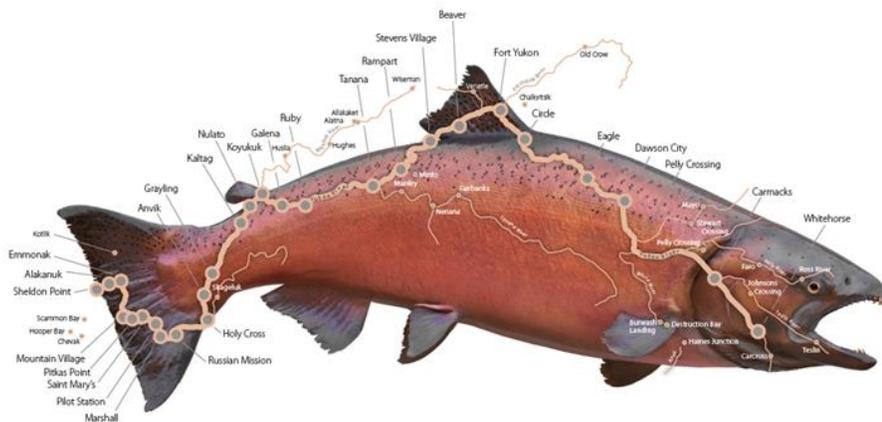


Salmon know no borders

2018 Yukon River Exchange
to be hosted in Alaska!!

Call for Interested Yukon
Resident Participants
Submit interest by April 24, 2018



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The Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee (YSSC) in partnership with Alaska's Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA) are pleased to announce that they are coordinating the 2018 Yukon River Education Exchange whereby a small group (6 max) of Yukon residents will travel to the lower Yukon River in Alaska.

The exchange is a way for people who live on both sides of the US/Canada border to increase their understanding of their neighbours' experiences and challenges as they relate to Yukon River salmon fisheries and as a forum for fisheries management agencies on both sides of the border to discuss Canadian-origin Chinook and fall chum salmon fisheries management issues directly with the people that rely on them.

The exchange is funded and directed by the Yukon River Panel (YRP), which makes recommendations to management entities on both sides of the U.S./Canada border concerning the conservation and management of Canadian-origin. While travelers will not be paid, all travel, accommodations and food costs will be covered.

What to expect:

- Anticipated travel dates: June 15 to June 25 (give or take two days)
- Travel will be by plane, boat, and on foot. Travelers should expect inclement, cool, wet, coastal weather and accommodations may range from hotels to rustic wall tents.
- Orientation will be in Whitehorse on Yukon River Salmon management (domestic and international context), salmon life history, travel itinerary and orientation
- Travel to Anchorage to meet YRDFA staff and guides for Alaskan orientation.
- Travel and stay in Emmonak, St. Mary's, Pilot Station with tours of Kwikpak Commercial fish processing plant, Lower River Test Fishery, Pilot Station Sonar and fish camps.
- Make cross-border connections by sharing stories and experiences with community members, elders, fishers and fishery managers.

Participant Requirements:

- Must be 18 or older, resident of Yukon with valid Passport and have not traveled to AK on a previous Ed Exchange.
- Youth (18 to 22) and able-bodied elders are encouraged to apply.
- Demonstrated interest in Yukon River salmon (Chinook and/or Chum).
- Must commit to reporting back on your experience to your community, Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee and the Yukon River Panel. Reporting back may be in multiple formats including video interview, written summaries, presentations, and photo stories. Not to worry - technical support will be provided!! 😊

In your own words, in two pages or less, please tell us why you would like to participate in this years Educational Exchange and what you feel that you would gain from the opportunity.

Please send all submissions by April 24, 2018 to j.trerice@yssc.ca. Submissions can be written in the body of an email or attached as a word or pdf document. We look forward to hearing from you!

Participants to be selected by May 5, 2018.