



**YUKON RIVER PANEL
and
RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
April 14 – 18, 2018**

Sheraton Hotel, 401 East 6th Avenue, Anchorage, AK

NOTE: This agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting. This Agenda is provided to give a general idea to the public of the Panel's anticipated schedule. The Panel will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the Panel is not constrained by this Agenda. Opportunities for public testimony will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. The Panel meeting is open to the public. **The Restoration and Enhancement Fund Committee meeting and the U.S. and Canada Section meetings are closed to the public.**

Saturday April 14

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

U.S. Section delegation meeting (Susitna Room, 2nd Floor)

Sunday, April 15

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

U.S. Section delegation meeting (Kuskokwim Room, 2nd Floor)

Canadian Section delegation meeting (Susitna Room, 2nd Floor)

Monday, April 16

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Closed Session)

Core Yukon River Panel members and Co-Chairs meeting (Susitna Room, 2nd Floor)

YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION – KUSKOKWIM ROOM, 2ND FLOOR)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks – *Panel Co-Chairs*
2. Review of action items from December 2017 Yukon River Panel Meeting

Monday, April 16 (Cont.)

YUKON PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)

3. Review and approval of December 2017 Panel Meeting Minutes
4. Administrative Matters
 - a. Yukon River Panel website update – *PSC Secretariat*
 - b. Financial summary and outlook for 2018 / 19 – *PSC Secretariat*
 - i. Confirmation of Restoration and Enhancement Funds available for disbursement in 2018 and for 2019 Call for Proposals (annual allocation and residual / accumulated).
5. Yukon River Panel Communications Committee
 - a. Communications project proposal review criteria (for discussion)
 - b. Yukon River Panel education exchange
 - c. Other items (from December 2017)
6. Selection of date for 2018 Post-Season Yukon River Panel meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (*Lunch*)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)

7. 2017 Restoration & Enhancement Fund (R&E Fund) Proposal Review and Approval
 - a. Confirmation of R&E funding available for 2018 – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - i. Annual allocation (\$1.2 million)
 - ii. Residual R&E funds (~\$250K year 3 of 3)
 - b. Review of R&E Fund proposal responses to Panel Questions and Joint Technical Committee (JTC) review / recommendations – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - c. Presentation of public comments received – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - d. Review and selection of 2018 R&E Fund proposals
 - i. Presentation of project proposals approved by the Canadian Section (50% lists) – *CDN R&E Sub-Committee – CDN JTC Chair Nathan Millar*
 - ii. Bilateral selection of remaining project proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - e. Panel confirmation of project proposals approved for funding in 2018 – *Panel Co-Chairs*
7. 2019 R&E Fund Call For Proposals (CFP)– *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - a. Panel approval of:
 - i. 2019 Near-term priorities
 - ii. 2019 Call for proposals
 1. Update / changes for 2019 – *R&E Fund Administrator*
8. Review of *R&E Fund Annual Project Proposal Review and Selection Process* document – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - a. Summary of comments and recommendations
 - b. Panel Discussion
9. Review of updated *R&E Fund Priorities Plan* – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - a. Summary of comments and recommendations
 - b. Panel Discussion

Tuesday April 17

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION – KUSKOKWIM ROOM, 2ND FLOOR)

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

[Sign up for Tuesday a.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 11:00 a.m.]

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions – *Panel Co-Chairs*
3. Review and Approval of December 2017 Meeting Minutes – *Panel Co-Chairs*
4. JTC update and report to Panel – *JTC Co-chairs Zach Liller / Nathan Millar*
5. 2017 Season Summary of *Yukon River Salmon Agreement* defined Stocks – run size, harvest and escapement – *JTC Co-Chairs Zach Liller / Nathan Millar*
 - i. Mainstem Yukon River Chinook Salmon
 - ii. Mainstem Yukon River Chum Salmon
 - iii. Porcupine (Fishing Branch) Chum Salmon
6. 2018 Yukon River Salmon Interim Management Escapement Goals – *Panel Co-chairs*
 - a. JTC recommendations – *JTC Co-Chairs Zach Liller / Nathan Millar*
 - b. Panel Discussion and Recommendations
7. 2018 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Preliminary Management Strategies
 - a. Chinook Salmon (Mainstem Yukon River)
 - i. Outlook – *Fred West, ADF&G and Dr. Joel Harding, DFO*
 - ii. Proposed Management Strategies
 1. U.S. - *Holly Carroll, ADF&G*
 2. Canada - *Mary Ellen Jarvis, DFO*
 - iii. Panel discussion and identification of 2018 Management Recommendations

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 pm (Lunch)

1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *(Public Session Cont.)*

[Sign up for Tuesday p.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 4:00 p.m.]

- b. Fall Chum Salmon (Mainstem Yukon River)
 - i. Outlook – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G and Dr. Joel Harding, DFO*
 - ii. Proposed Management Strategies
 1. U.S. – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G*
 2. Canada – *Mary Ellen Jarvis, DFO*
 - iii. Panel discussion and identification of 2018 Management Recommendations
- c. Fall Chum Salmon (Porcupine River / Fishing Branch)
 - i. Outlook – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G and Dr. Joel Harding, DFO*
 - ii. Proposed Management Strategies
 - a. U.S. – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G*
 - b. Canada – *Mary Ellen Jarvis, DFO*
 - iii. Panel discussion and identification of 2018 Management Recommendations

Tuesday, April 17 (Cont.)

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION – KUSKOKWIM ROOM, 2ND FLOOR)

1. Juvenile Chinook Marine Surveys and Forecasting – *Dr. Katie Howard, ADF&G*
2. Yukon River Salmon Genetics – *TBD, ADF&G*

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Yukon River Panel Public Reception – 49th State Brewing Co., 717 West 3rd Ave., Barrel Room (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Wednesday April 18

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION - KUSKOKWIM ROOM, 2ND FLOOR)

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 p.m.

[Sign up for Wednesday a.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 11:00 a.m.]

3. Patterns & Trends of Subsistence Salmon Fishing in Alaska – *Caroline Brown, ADF&G*
4. Eagle Sonar Genetic Stock Composition Analysis – *Nathan Millar, DFO*
5. Yukon River Chinook Salmon Subsistence Harvest Genetic Stock Identification (R&E Program URE-03-17) – *Sean Larson, ADF&G*
6. Yukon River Salmon Distribution – *Randy Brown, USFWS*

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

11:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m. Commemorating 15 years of Collaboration between the People of the Yukon Territory and Alaska – Summit Room, 15th Floor

1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Public Session cont.)

[Sign up for Wednesday a.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 2:15 p.m.]

1. Yukon River R&E Fund Program
 - a. Status update on 2017 R&E Fund Projects - *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - b. 2018 R&E Fund Project Funding Decision - *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - c. 2019 R&E Fund Call For Proposals (priorities, timelines, public comments) - *Panel Co-Chairs*
2. Panel Communications Committee Report – *Panel Communications Committee*
3. Correspondence - *Panel Co-Chairs*
4. Miscellaneous Business - *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - a. Next Meeting
 - b. Other Business

Wednesday April 18 (Cont.)

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION - KUSKOKWIM ROOM, 2ND FLOOR)

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (*Public Session cont.*)

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Closing Remarks

Closing prayer

Public Meeting Adjourns 3:00 p.m.

YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION - KUSKOKWIM ROOM)

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (*Closed Session*)

Yukon River Panel Meeting Summary

1. Review and confirm meeting action items
2. Review / assign committee tasks (as required)
3. 2018 Spring Meeting Press Release
4. Additional items for next meeting