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**Yukon River Chinook Spawning Goal Unlikely to be Met this Year**

The in-season counts from Eagle Sonar, located in Alaska near the Yukon border, indicate that we are not going to meet, and may not approach, the spawning escapement goal minimum of 42,500 Chinook. The current Eagle estimate was 28,547 adult Chinook (up to August 9). The average estimate for this date is 55,017 and the previous minimum was 28,710.

As such, the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee has recommended that all First Nations on the Yukon River and its tributaries cease fishing for Chinook salmon, in 2020.

Should you require further information or clarification please contact Elizabeth MacDonald, Executive Director of the YSSC, at 867- 393- 6725.

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