



ALSEK RIVER – 2021 Salmon Outlooks and Preseason Fishery Management Plans



Presented to:

Yukon Salmon Sub-
Committee

Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Transboundary Rivers Operations

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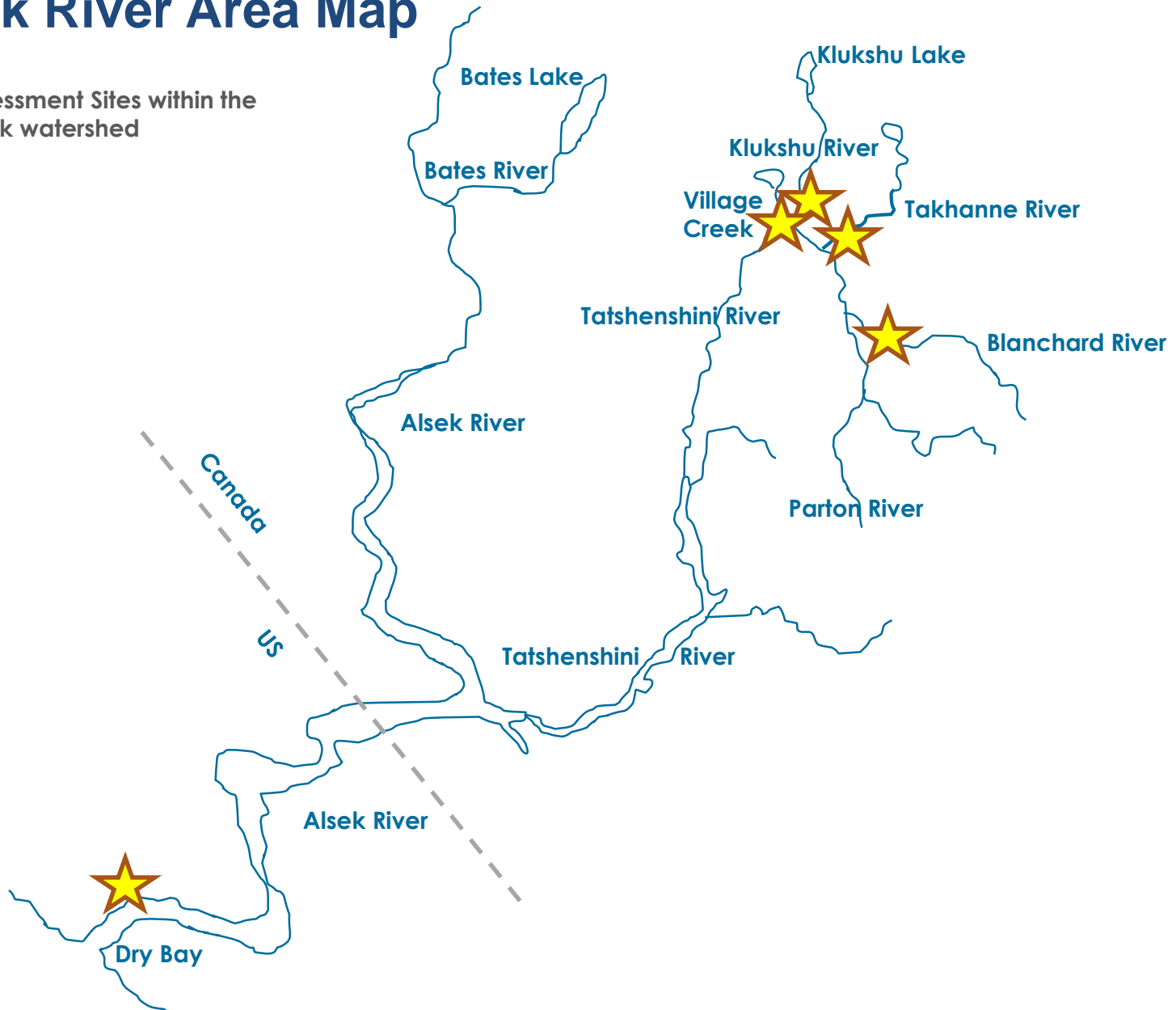
Alsek River 2021 Preseason Presentation

1. Review of 2021 outlooks for Klukshu River Chinook, Sockeye, and Coho salmon stocks
2. Canadian fishery management strategy - Public (angling) and First Nation subsistence fisheries



Alsek River Area Map

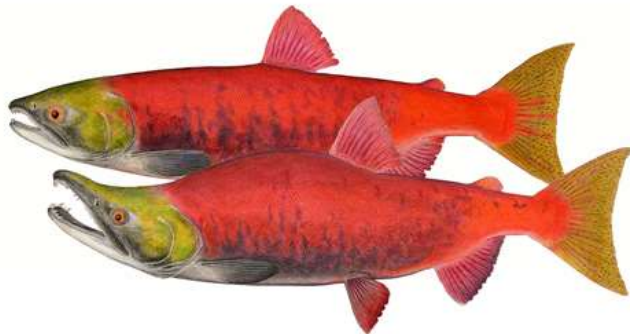
★ Assessment Sites within the Alsek watershed



Alsek River Salmon 2021 Fishery Management Considerations

Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee Recommendations *(February 2021)*

- Letter from the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee was provided to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans containing recommendations for the management of Alsek River salmon in 2021
- Minister accepted the recommendations and provided direction to Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Yukon and Transboundary Rivers Area regarding implementation of the recommendations



Alsek River Chinook Salmon

2021 Outlooks and Fishery Management

Pre-season Forecast: 1,000 Klukshu River stock (*average ~1,200*)



Management Objective: 1,000

Spawning Escapement Goal Range: 800 - 1,200

Canadian Fishery Management Strategy:

Public Angling Fishery:

- Salmon angling (including catch and release) prohibited prior to August 15th
- Retention prohibited beginning April 1st subject to in-season run abundance information and CAFN basic needs allocation (200)

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Subsistence Fishery:

- Harvesting permitted (subject to CAFN Final Agreement BNA allocations and achievement of management objectives)

Alsek River Sockeye Salmon 2021 Outlooks and Fishery Management

Pre-season Forecast: 10,000 Klukshu River stock (*average ~13,000*)

Management Objective: 9,700

Spawning Escapement Goal Range: 7,500 - 11,000



Canadian Fishery Management Strategy:

Public Angling Fishery:

- Salmon angling (including catch and release) prohibited prior to August 15th
- Retention prohibited beginning April 1st. Post-August 15th fishery opportunities may be considered contingent on late-season run abundance and CAFN basic needs allocation (3,000 Sockeye)

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Subsistence Fishery:

- Harvesting permitted (subject to CAFN Final Agreement BNA allocations and achievement of management objectives)

Alsek River Coho Salmon

2021 Outlooks and Fishery Management

Pre-season Forecast: Uncertain abundance (*northern BC and SEAK region-wide coho abundance anticipated to be below average*)

Canadian Fishery Management Strategy:

Public Angling Fishery:

- Permitted as of August 15
- Standard retention limits (2 daily, 4 possession)
- Potential for liberalizing retention limits and/or fishing areas

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Subsistence Fishery:

- Harvesting permitted (management objectives not yet established)



Alsek River Salmon Management

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

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**INTEGRATED FISHERIES
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APRIL 1, 2021 - MARCH 31,
2022

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This Integrated Fisheries Management Plan is intended for general purposes only. Where there is a discrepancy between the Plan and the Fisheries Act and Regulations, the Act and Regulations are the final authority. A description of Areas and Subareas referenced in this Plan can be found in the Pacific Fishery Management Area Regulations, 2007.

Questions?

