



Yakutat Tlingit Tribe:

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The Yakutat Forelands, specifically, near the headwaters of
Tawah Creek.

USFS Partnership: River Ranging



YTT Fisheries Biologist and USFS River Ranger on a river patrol on the Situk River.



Sport fishermen with harvested pink salmon on the Situk River.



The Yakutat River Rangers program pairs a Fish Biologist (Havaleh Rohloff) hosted by the Tribe with a Fish biologist from the Yakutat Ranger District to spend time on local rivers collecting important data about fish resources, sharing stewardship guidelines with visiting anglers, and positioning the Tribe with more data and resources to engage meaningfully on state and federal policy regarding fish populations. The program was inspired by community concerns over decreasing salmon numbers and demonstrates what government to government collaboration can look like on the Tongass.

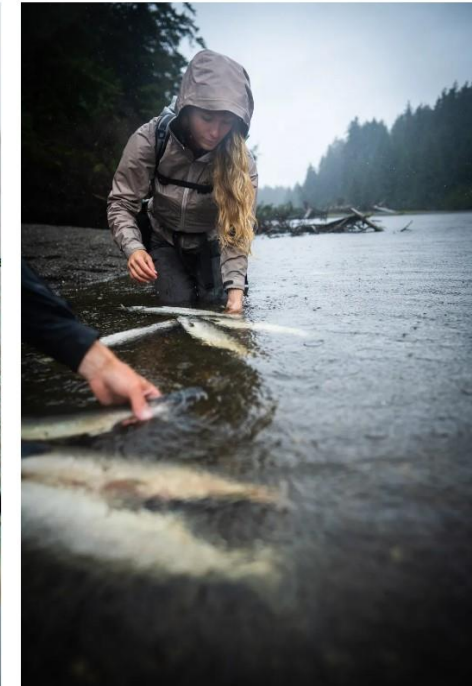
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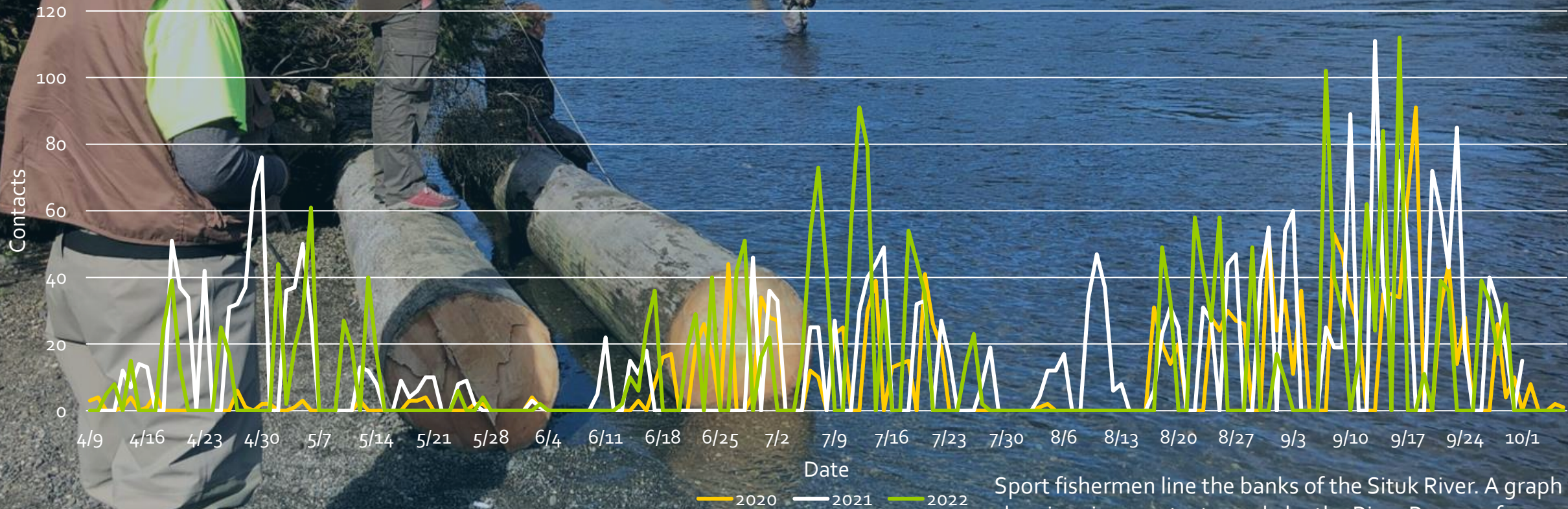
A conversation with U.S. Forest Service Tribal Relations Specialist Jennifer Hanlon.

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Articles written by Bethany Goordrich on the USFS/YTT partnership



Sport fishermen line the banks of the Situk River. A graph showing river contacts made by the River Rangers from 2020-2022.

eDNA: eulachon & coho



USFS and YTT staff traveling by jetboat to their eulachon eDNA site on the Arhnklin River.



Eulachon captured in a dipnet



A male and female eulachon



Staff observing bird activity at the mouth of the snowy Arhnklin River.



Staff taking an eDNA sample

Salmon Partners

- USFS, Yakutat Ranger District
- City and Borough of Yakutat
- Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition



Restoration site with large woody debris at high flows



Salmon Partners placing large wood in a stream



Freshly placed large wood in a ditched channel



Staff walking on an abandoned road prism from WWII



Staff identifying coho at the restoration site for AWC

A full-page photograph showing two people from behind, wading through a wide, shallow river. They are wearing outdoor gear, including backpacks and waders. The river is surrounded by dense evergreen forests on both banks. The sky is overcast and misty. The water is dark and rippled. The person on the left is wearing a dark jacket with 'SIMMS' on the back and dark pants. The person on the right is wearing a light-colored jacket, dark pants, and a blue and white patterned hat. They are walking away from the camera towards the center of the frame.

Questions?

Yakutat River rangers hiking upstream on a patrol of the Situk River.