

Yukon River In-Season Management Teleconferences, 2004-2006, Study No. 04-263

Through this project, the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA) hosted weekly in-season teleconference calls during the 2004, 2005, and 2006 Yukon River salmon fishery seasons. YRDFA has found teleconferences calls to be a practical and useful method for discussing the complexities of salmon management and for gaining immediate real-time information from fishers along the 2,300-mile expanse of the Yukon River. For the three year duration of this project, a total of 44 teleconference calls transpired. Held every Tuesday at 1300 hours (Alaska time), the teleconferences provided a means to exchange information on run timing, abundance, and escapement data; discuss management strategies; facilitate discussion between users and management entities; and enable salmon users drainage-wide to communicate. In addition to reports of local observations, the calls also provided information to fishers regarding research and escapement monitoring tools operated by State and Federal entities, thereby allowing a two-way street for information sharing and capacity building. Summaries of each call were written and distributed to teleconference participants. In total, 16 teleconferences were held in 2004, 14 in 2005 and 14 in the 2006 fishing seasons.

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