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Situk River to close to the harvest of Sockeye Salmon

YAKUTAT, Alaska – The Yakutat District Ranger, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is closing the Situk River to the harvest of Sockeye Salmon. The closure will be effective 12:01 a.m., July 7, 2018, through 11:59 p.m. September 4, 2018. The fishery may open on short notice if the escapement improves.

This action is needed to allow more Sockeye Salmon to reach spawning areas. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has closed the sport, commercial and subsistence fisheries for Situk River Sockeye Salmon.

The weir count of 2,900 taken on July 3, 2018, is the lowest on record. Based on historical average run timing, cumulative Sockeye Salmon passage should be approximately 26,000 by this date. The current projection suggests the Situk River Sockeye Salmon escapement will fall short of the biological escapement goal of 30,000-70,000.

Information on Federal subsistence management special actions for the Tongass National Forest can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/news/tongass/news-events>. For additional information, contact Susan Oehlers at 907-784-3349 or soehlers@fs.fed.us or Nate Catterson at 907-784-3349 or ncatterson@fs.fed.us

Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence>

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