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Stikine River Federal subsistence Chinook Salmon fishery closed

WRANGELL, Alaska – Wrangell District Ranger Victoria Houser, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is issuing an Emergency Special Action to close the May 15 – June 20, 2019 Federal subsistence Chinook Salmon fishery in the Stikine River. The 2019 preseason forecast for the Stikine River is 8,250 large Chinook Salmon (greater than 28 inches in total length), which is well below the escapement goal range of 14,000 to 28,000 large Chinook Salmon. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has also taken actions in the State managed fisheries to reduce the harvest of Stikine River Chinook Salmon. The closure of the Chinook Salmon fishery does not affect other Stikine River Federal subsistence fisheries beginning June 21, 2019.

For additional information, please contact Victoria Houser at 907-874-7560 or Martin Hutten at 907-874-7500. Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found on the web at www.doi.gov/subsistence.

For interviews and information to be used for publication, contact the Tongass Public Affairs Officer at 907-228-6201.

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