

A landscape photograph of a wide river valley. In the foreground, a calm river reflects the sky. The middle ground shows a dense forest of evergreen trees along the riverbanks. In the background, dark, rugged mountains rise against a bright, overcast sky. A double rainbow is visible, with the primary rainbow on the left and a fainter secondary rainbow on the right, both arching over the valley.

2009 U.S. Summer Season Preparedness Process

Funded by the Yukon River Panel

Purpose

Provide a forum for sharing information and ideas, and building understanding and strategies, among all user groups in the Alaskan portion of the Yukon River drainage concerning the projected poor 2009 Chinook salmon run

Process Summary

- January 2009: held regional teleconferences
- February 2009: held 2nd series of regional teleconferences
- March 2009:
 - Reported results to date to user groups
 - U.S. section of YRP sorted ideas into categories
 - Planned for in-person meeting

Process Summary (cont.)

- April 2009:
 - Hold in-person meeting
 - U.S. managers use results to develop preseason management plan
- May 2009:
 - Hold informational teleconference covering preseason management plan
 - Mail preseason information sheet
 - Outline preseason management plan in *Yukon Fisheries News*


Categories of Ideas...

...for measures to reduce the 2009 Chinook salmon harvest

- Management measures
- Voluntary catch reductions
- Deferred measures *(not appropriate or possible this year)*
- Measures to protect Chinook salmon in directed summer chum commercial fishery

Meeting Details

- Date: April 7, 2009
- Location: Fairbanks, Alaska
- Invitees:
 - Represent every fishing district in U.S. portion of drainage
 - U.S. Yukon River Panel members, advisors, and alternates
 - RAC representatives (*Federal Subsistence Board Regional Advisory Councils*)
 - Inter-tribal group representatives
 - YRDFA board members
 - Processors
 - Other teleconference participants
 - Management agencies and YRDFA staff

A scenic landscape featuring a wide river in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees along the banks, and rolling mountains in the background. A vibrant rainbow arches across the sky, its colors reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is a mix of light blue and white, suggesting a clear but slightly overcast day.

Thank you to the
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in this process!