



Canadian Yukon River Fall Chum Salmon Management Outlook: Porcupine River / Fishing Branch

Yukon River Panel
Meeting

Whitehorse, YT
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Checking the net for Chum in Porcupine River
Photo: Peter Mather

Canadian-Origin Porcupine River (Fishing Branch) Fall Chum Salmon 2019 Draft Management Approach

IMEG 22,000 to 49,000

Outlook (Run size)	Escapement Goal of 35,500 (mid-point)
	32%* Harvest Share (mid-point)
37,000	500
42,000	2000
46,000	3,400



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- Outlook is considered weak with continued concern with returns to the Fishing Branch River.
- Anticipate precautionary approach in the early part of the run with abundance based management applied in-season.
- Porcupine Sonar to guide in-season decisions.



Summary of 2018 Canadian Harvest of Fall Chum Salmon – Porcupine River / Fishing Branch

Porcupine River Harvest

- First Nation Subsistence Harvest **1,874**
- ~ 1/3 of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation's Basic Needs Allocation of 6,000 chum.
- Angling, Commercial, Domestic n/a



Vuntut Gwitchin Boy in Old Crow

Comments/Questions?



Photo: Marina Milligan, Grey Wolf with Chum