



YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING

April 3 to 8, 2020

Fairbanks, Alaska

Wedgewood Resort, 212 Wedgewood Dr, Fairbanks, AK 99701

NOTE: This agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting. This Agenda is provided to give a general idea to the public of the Panel's anticipated schedule. The Panel will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the Panel is not constrained by this Agenda. Opportunities for public testimony will be confirmed at the beginning of the meeting.

Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4

U.S. and Canadian Section Delegation Meetings (CLOSED SESSION)

US Section Meeting – (*BOREALIS BALLROOM 4/3–4/4*)

Canadian Section Meeting – (*GARDEN ROOM (4/4)*)

Sunday, April 5

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (CLOSED SESSION – *GAZEBO ROOM*)

Core Yukon River Panel members and Co-Chairs meeting

YUKON PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION – *BOREALIS BALLROOM*)

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Chinook Salmon Escapement Goal Development – Panel Workshop #1

Monday, April 6

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION – *BOREALIS BALLROOM*)

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks – *Panel Co-Chairs*
2. Review of action items from December 2019 Yukon River Panel Meeting
3. Review and approval of December 2019 Yukon River Panel Meeting Minutes
4. Administrative Matters
 - a. Financial summary and outlook for 2020 / 21 – *PSC Secretariat*
 - i. Confirmation of Restoration and Enhancement Funds available for disbursement in 2020, and for 2021 Call for Proposals (annual allocation & residual or accumulated)

Monday, April 6 (continued)

- b. Yukon River Panel file retention policy – *PSC Secretariat*
- 5. Yukon River Panel Communications Committee
 - a. Communications initiative (proposed activities and outcomes for year 2)
 - b. Yukon River Panel Education Exchange (proposed activities, participants, schedule)
- 6. Selection of date and location for 2020 Post-Season Yukon River Panel meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. (*Lunch*)

1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING
(CLOSED SESSION - *BOREALIS BALLROOM*)**

- 7. 2020 Restoration & Enhancement Fund (R&E Fund) Proposal Review and Approval
 - a. Confirmation of R&E funding available for 2020 – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - i. Annual allocation (\$1.2 million) + Residual funds (~\$40K)
 - b. Review of R&E Fund proposal responses to Panel Questions and Joint Technical Committee (JTC) review / recommendations – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - c. Presentation of public comments received – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - d. Review and selection of 2020 R&E Fund proposals
 - i. Presentation of project proposals approved by the Canadian Section (50% lists) – *Canadian R&E Sub-Committee – Canadian JTC Chair*
 - ii. Bilateral selection of remaining project proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - e. Confirmation of project proposals approved for funding in 2020 – *Panel Co-Chairs*
- 7. R&E Stewardship Project Guidance Document Development (update) – *JTC Co-Chairs*
- 8. R&E Fund 2021 Call For Proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - a. Panel approval of:
 - i. 2021 Near-term priorities
 - ii. 2021 Update / changes to call for proposals

Tuesday, April 7

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION – *BOREALIS BALLROOM*)

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

[Sign up for Tuesday a.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 11:00 a.m.]

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions – *Panel Co-Chairs*
- 3. Approval of December 2019 Post-Season Meeting Minutes – *Panel Co-Chairs*
- 4. Joint Technical Committee report to Panel – *JTC Co-chairs Zach Liller / Steve Smith*
- 5. 2019 Season Summary of *Yukon River Salmon Agreement* defined Stocks – run size, harvest and escapement – *JTC Co-Chairs Zach Liller / Steve Smith*
 - i. Mainstem Yukon River Chinook Salmon
 - ii. Mainstem Yukon River Chum Salmon
 - iii. Porcupine (Fishing Branch) Chum Salmon

Tuesday, April 7 (continued)

6. Annual Report – 2019 Bering Sea Pollock Fishery Salmon Bycatch Summary – *John Linderman, U.S. Co-chair*
7. Effects of Gillnet Mesh Size on Selectivity of Chinook Salmon Harvest – *Holly Carroll, ADFG*
8. Heat stress research on Yukon River Chinook salmon – *Dr. Vanessa von Biela, USGS*
9. Northern Bering Sea Juvenile Chinook Marine Survey – *Sabrina Garcia, ADFG*

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 pm (Lunch)

1:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

10. Yukon River Salmon Fisheries in Canada, Overview of Existing Fisheries and Administration – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
11. 2020 Yukon River Salmon Interim Management Escapement Goals – *Panel Co-chairs*
12. 2020 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Preliminary Fishery Management Strategies
 - a. Chinook Salmon (Mainstem Yukon River)
 - i. Outlook – *Fred West, ADF&G and Michael Folkes, DFO*
 - ii. Proposed Fishery Management Strategies
 1. U.S. - *Holly Carroll, ADF&G*
 2. Canada – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
 - b. 2020 Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – Chinook Salmon
 - i. Panel Discussion of Outlook and Proposed Management Strategies
 - ii. Bilateral Panel Management Recommendations

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Yukon River Panel Public Reception, Tuesday April 7 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION – *BOREALIS BALLROOM*)

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 pm

- a. Fall Chum Salmon (Mainstem Yukon River)
 - i. Outlook – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G and Chris Carli, DFO*
 - ii. Proposed Fishery Management Strategies
 1. U.S. – *Jeff Estensen, AF&G*
 2. Canada – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
- b. 2020 Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – Mainstem Chum Salmon
 - i. Panel Discussion of Outlook and Proposed Management Strategies

Wednesday, April 8 (continued)

- ii. Bilateral Panel Management Recommendations
- c. Fall Chum Salmon (Porcupine River / Fishing Branch)
 - i. Outlook – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G and Chris Carli, DFO*
 - ii. Proposed Fishery Management Strategies
 - 1. U.S. – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G*
 - 2. Canada – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
- d. 2020 Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – Porcupine Chum Salmon
- iii. Panel Discussion of Outlook and Proposed Management Strategies
- iv. Bilateral Panel Management Recommendations

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 pm (Lunch)

1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- 1. Yukon River Panel Education Exchange 2020
Yukon River Restoration & Enhancement Fund
 - a. Status update on 2019 R&E Fund Projects - *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - b. 2020 R&E Fund Project Funding Decision - *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - c. 2021 R&E Fund Call For Proposals (priorities, timelines, public comments)
- 2. Panel Communications Committee Report – *Panel Communications Committee*
- 3. Correspondence - *Panel Co-Chairs*
- 4. Other Business - *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - a. Next Meeting
 - b. Other Business

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Closing Remarks

Closing prayer

Public Meeting Concludes

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed session for YRP members to finalize press release, action items and other matters for 2020 post-season meeting.