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Yukon River Panel 2020 Management Recommendations

1. The Canadian-origin Chinook salmon run should be managed to ensure escapement falls within the 2020 IMEG range (42,500 – 55,000) and provide for agreed harvest shares in both countries as outlined within the Yukon River Salmon Agreement.
2. To provide for Canadian-origin Chinook salmon conservation, limit use of gill nets to 6” mesh or smaller upstream of the Tanana River / Yukon River Mainstem confluence for the duration of the Chinook salmon migration consistent with the regulatory structures in both countries.
3. Environmental conditions, in particular extreme events, should be considered in-season to inform fishery management measures implemented and resulting harvest opportunities.
4. In the event that in-season assessment programs are unable to operate in 2020 due to circumstances beyond Agency control, fishery harvest opportunities should be provided conservatively based on 2020 pre-season outlooks and associated Total Allowable Catch and harvest share allocations.