



**YUKON RIVER PANEL
and
RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

April 8-14, 2021

Online / Virtual Session

NOTE: This tentative 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 to testify will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. The Panel meeting is open to the public. **The Restoration and Enhancement Fund committee meeting and the US and Canada section meetings are closed to the public.**

**U.S. / CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING
INDIVIDUAL DELEGATION (SECTION) MEETING SESSIONS**

Thursday, April 8 – Friday, April 9 (To be confirmed by each Delegation)

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed Sessions – Individual Delegations

**U.S. / CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING
CLOSED SESSION – DAY 1**

Monday, April 12

9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (Alaska Time)

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (Yukon Time)

Yukon River Panel Opening Remarks and Administrative Items

1. Introduction and welcoming remarks – *Panel Co-Chairs*
2. Approval of January 2021 Post-Season Meeting Minutes – *Panel Co-Chairs*
3. Panel Administrative Update – *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - a. Correspondence:
 1. Social Research Project - YRSA (*A. Womelsdorf, University of Vienna*)
 2. America Fisheries Society Newsletter Article (*B. Bechtol*)
 - b. Panel Records Retention Policy
 - c. YRP Communications Committee – Terms of Reference

Canadian-origin Chinook Salmon Escapement Goal

4. Joint Technical Committee presentation on Chinook Escapement Goal – *Joint Technical Committee Co-Chairs*
 - a. Panel Presentation Q&A and Discussion

BREAK *10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.* (*Alaska Time*)

BREAK *11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.* (*Yukon Time*)

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Alaska Time)

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Yukon Time)

5. Chinook salmon biological escapement goal development process – *Panel Discussion*
 - a. Panel process for arriving at escapement goal recommendation(s)

LUNCH BREAK *12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.* (*Alaska Time*)

LUNCH BREAK *1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.* (*Yukon Time*)

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Alaska Time)

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Yukon Time)

2021 Yukon River Salmon Pre-Season Management Discussion

6. 2021 Yukon River Salmon Interim Management Escapement Goals – *Panel Co-chairs*
 - a. Chinook salmon
 - b. Fall Chum salmon (Mainstem)
 - c. Fall Chum Salmon (Porcupine River)
7. 2021 Preliminary Chinook salmon Management Strategies
 - a. 2021 Joint Technical Committee Chinook Forecast – *Fred West and Oliver Barker*
 - b. U.S. Management Summary – *Deena Jallen, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Summary – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*

Monday, April 12 (cont.)

8. Yukon River Panel 2021 Chinook management recommendation(s) – *Panel Co-chairs*
 - a. U.S. and Canadian Recommendations and Panel and discussion
9. 2021 Preliminary Fall Chum salmon Management Strategies (Mainstem and Porcupine)
 - a. 2021 JTC Fall Chum Forecast – *Bonnie Borba, ADF&G and Oliver Barker, DFO*
 - b. U.S. Management Summary – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Summary – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
10. Yukon River Panel 2021 Fall Chum management recommendation(s) – *Panel Co-chairs*
 - a. U.S. and Canadian Recommendations and Panel and discussion

BREAK *2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Alaska Time)*
BREAK *3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. (Yukon Time)*

2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Alaska Time)

3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Yukon Time)

RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING

11. 2020 Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Fund Project Status – *Tom Alpe, R&E Fund Administrator*
12. 2021 R&E Fund Proposal Review and Approval
 - a. Confirmation of R&E funding available for 2021 – *Tom Alpe, R&E Fund Administrator*
13. Review of R&E Fund proposal responses to Panel Questions and Joint Technical Committee review / recommendations – *Tom Alpe, R&E Fund Administrator*
14. Presentation of public comments received – *Tom Alpe, R&E Fund Administrator*
15. Review and selection of 2021 R&E Fund proposals
 - a. Presentation of project proposals approved by the Canadian Section (50% lists) – *Canadian R&E Sub-Committee – R&E Fund Administrator*
 - b. Bilateral selection of remaining project proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
16. Confirmation of project proposals approved for funding in 2021 – *Panel Co-Chairs*
17. 2022 R&E Fund Call For Proposals (priorities, timelines, public comments)
 - a. Review December 2020 Joint Technical Committee recommendations regarding restoration project proposals. – *Panel Co-chairs*
 - b. Mainstem salmon assessment programs – *Panel Co-chairs*

**U.S. / CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 1**

Tuesday, April 13

9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (Alaska Time)

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. (Yukon Time)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions – *Panel Co-Chairs*
3. Action items from January 2021 Yukon River Panel Meeting – *Panel Co-Chairs*
4. Joint Technical Committee report to Panel – *JTC Co-chairs*
5. 2021 Yukon River Salmon Interim Management Escapement Goals – *Panel Co-chairs*
 - a. Chinook salmon
 - b. Fall Chum salmon (Mainstem)
 - c. Fall Chum salmon (Porcupine River)
6. Update on Chinook salmon escapement goal review – *Panel Co-chairs*

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10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Alaska Time)

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Yukon Time)

2021 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Fishery Management Strategies

7. 2021 Preliminary Chinook salmon Outlook and Management Strategies
 - a. 2021 JTC Chinook Forecast – *Fred West, ADF&G and Oliver Barker, DFO*
 - b. U.S. Management Strategy – *Deena Jallen, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Strategy – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
8. 2021 Chinook salmon Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - a. Bilateral Panel Management Recommendations

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Alaska Time)

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Yukon Time)

1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. (Alaska Time)

2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (Yukon Time)

2021 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Fishery Management Strategies (Continued)

9. 2021 Preliminary Mainstem Fall Chum salmon Outlook and Management Strategies
 - a. 2021 Mainstem Fall Chum Forecast – *Bonnie Borba, ADF&G & Oliver Barker, DFO*
 - b. U.S. Management Strategy – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Strategy – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
10. 2021 Mainstem Fall Chum salmon Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - a. Bilateral Panel Management Recommendations

Tuesday, April 13 (cont.)

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BREAK 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Yukon Time)

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Alaska Time)

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Yukon Time)

11. 2021 Preliminary Porcupine River Fall Chum salmon Outlook and Management Strategies
 - a. 2021 Fall Chum Porcupine Forecast – *Bonnie Borba, ADF&G & Oliver Barker, DFO*
 - b. U.S. Management Strategy – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Strategy – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
12. 2021 Porcupine River Fall Chum salmon Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - a. Bilateral Panel Management Recommendations

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Alaska Time)

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Yukon Time)

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

**U.S. / CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 2**

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (Alaska Time)

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. (Yukon Time)

Yukon River Restoration & Enhancement Fund

1. Status update on 2020 R&E Fund Projects – *Tom Alpe, R&E Fund Administrator*
2. Confirmation of R&E Funds available for disbursement in 2021 and for 2022 Call for Proposals – *Tom Alpe, R&E Fund Administrator*
3. 2021 R&E Fund Project Funding Decisions – *Panel Co-Chairs*
4. R&E Fund 2022 Call For Proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - a. Panel approval of:
 - i. 2022 Near-term priorities
 - ii. 2022 Update / changes to call for proposals

BREAK 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Alaska Time)

BREAK 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Yukon Time)

Wednesday, April 14 (cont.)

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Alaska Time)

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Yukon Time)

5. Panel Communications Committee Report – *Panel Communications Committee*
 - a. 2021 Education Exchange Program
6. Annual Report - 2020 Bering Sea Pollock Fishery Salmon Bycatch Summary – *John Linderman, U.S. Co-chair & Jim Murphy, NOAA*
7. Northern Bering Sea Juvenile Marine Survey – *Jim Murphy, NOAA & Sabrina Garcia, ADFG*

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Alaska Time)

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Yukon Time)

1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. (Alaska Time)

2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (Yukon Time)

8. Heat stress research on Yukon River Chinook salmon – *Dr. Vanessa von Biela, USGS*

BREAK 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Alaska Time)

BREAK 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Yukon Time)

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Alaska Time)

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Yukon Time)

9. Correspondence - *Panel Co-Chairs*
10. Other Business - *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - a. 2021 Post-Season Meeting (January 2022)
 - b. Other Business

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Alaska Time)

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Yukon Time)

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Closing Remarks

Closing prayer

Public Meeting Concludes

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Alaska Time)

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Yukon Time)

Closed session for YRP members to finalize press release, action items and other matters from 2021 pre-season meeting.