



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

April 1-5, 2023

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, U.S. and Canada Section Meetings and preparatory Closed Bilateral sessions scheduled for April 1, 2 and 3 are closed to the public.**

YUKON RIVER PANEL 2023 PRE-SEASON MEETING

Saturday April 1 (Closed Section Meeting Session)

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday April 2 (Closed Section Meeting Session)

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday April 3 (Closed Bilateral Session)

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Core Panel Member meeting

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

Pre-Season Meeting Preparatory Session (Separate Detailed Agenda)

- Review outlooks, assessment programs, fishery management plans and recommendations, financial update and restoration and enhancement fund administration / project funding decisions.

**U.S. / CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 1
Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre – Longhouse Boardroom**

Tuesday April 4 (Public Session)

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions – *Hosts and Yukon River Panel Chairs*
3. Action items from December 2022 Yukon River Panel Meeting – *Panel Chairs*
4. Joint Technical Committee Report to Panel – *JTC Chairs*
5. Update on Panel Review of Chinook Salmon Escapement Goal – *Panel Chairs*
6. 2023 Yukon River Salmon Interim Management Escapement Goals – *Panel Chairs*
 - a. Chinook Salmon
 - b. Fall Chum Salmon (Mainstem)
 - c. Fall Chum Salmon (Porcupine River)

MORNING BREAK 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

2023 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Fishery Management Strategies: Chinook Salmon

7. 2023 Preliminary Chinook Salmon Outlook and Management Strategies
 - a. Bilateral Chinook Salmon Forecast– *Fred West, ADF&G and Adam O’Dell, DFO*
 - b. U.S. Management Strategy – *Deena Jallen, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Strategy – *Jaclyn Kendal, DFO*
 - d. Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations for 2023 Season – *Panel Chairs*

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

8. Yukon River Chinook Salmon Ichthyophonous Study: 2023 Program – *Holly Carrol, USFWS and Zachary Liller, ADFG*
9. Yukon River Chinook Salmon Telemetry Study: Project Overview – *Josh Clark, ADFG and DFO*

AFTERNOON BREAK 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

10. 2022 Bering Sea Pollock Fishery Salmon Bycatch Summary: Annual Report to Yukon River Panel – *John Linderman, U.S. Chair and Jim Murphy, NOAA*
11. Swimming Depths and Water Temperatures Encountered by Yukon River Chinook Salmon During Their Up-River Spawning Migration - *John Eiler, NOAA*

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment / Testimony Opportunity - Day 1

PUBLIC RECEPTION – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Miner’s Daughter, 103 Main Street

**U.S. / CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 2
Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre – Longhouse Boardroom**

Wednesday April 5

9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

1. Review of Meeting Agenda and Overview – *Panel Chairs*

2023 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Fishery Management Strategies: (Fall) Chum Salmon

2. 2023 Preliminary Mainstem Chum Salmon Outlook and Management Strategies
 - a. Bilateral Mainstem Chum Salmon Forecast – *Bonnie Borba, ADF&G and Adam O’Dell, DFO*
 - b. U.S. Management Strategy – *Christy Gleason, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Strategy – *Jaclyn Kendal, DFO*
 - d. Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations for 2023 Season – *Panel Chairs*
3. 2023 Preliminary Porcupine River Chum Salmon Outlook and Management Strategies
 - a. Porcupine River Chum Salmon Forecast – *Bonnie Borba, ADF&G and Adam O’Dell, DFO*
 - b. U.S. Management Strategy – *Christy Gleason, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Strategy – *Jaclyn Kendal, DFO*
 - d. Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations for 2023 Season – *Panel Chairs*

MORNING BREAK 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

4. Alaska Peninsula Area M Fishery Overview and Relevance to Yukon River Stocks – *Bill Templin, ADFG*
5. Yukon River Salmon Conservation Hatchery Exploratory Discussions – *Steve Smith, DFO and Elizabeth MacDonald, YFNSSA*

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

6. Yukon River Panel Communications Committee Report – *Communications Committee Chairs*
 - a. Overview of 2023 Yukon River Panel Education Exchange Program
 - b. Update on Yukon River Panel Communications Initiative

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PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 2
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Wednesday April 5 (continued)

Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund

1. Status Update on 2022 R&E Fund Projects – *Sascha Bendt, PSC Fund Administrator*
2. Confirmation of R&E Funds Available for Disbursement in 2023 – *Sascha Bendt, PSC Fund Administrator*
3. Overview of 2023 Project Cycle and Submissions – *Sascha Bendt, PSC Fund Administrator*
4. 2023 R&E Fund Project Funding Decisions – *Panel Chairs*
5. 2024 Call For Project Proposals – *Sascha Bendt, PSC Fund Administrator*
 - a. Panel Approval of:
 - i. 2024 Near-term priorities
 - ii. 2024 Update / changes to call for proposals (new submission deadline)
 - iii. Guidance for project proponents

AFTERNOON BREAK 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

6. Yukon River Panel Correspondence - *Panel Chairs*
7. Other Business - *Panel Chairs*
 - a. 2023 Post-Season Meeting (January 2024)
 - b. Other Items

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Public Comment / Testimony Opportunity - Day 2

3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks
Closing Prayer

Public Meeting Concludes

3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed session for Yukon River Panel members to finalize press release, action items and other matters from 2023 pre-season meeting.