

2023 U.S. Porcupine River Management

Yukon River Panel Meeting
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Fishing Branch River 2023 Fall Chum Salmon Outlook

- Drainagewide Forecast: 251,000 (range: 112,000-602,000).
- Canadian-origin Fishing Branch River ~4% of the drainagewide forecast: 10,000 (range: 4,500-24,000).
- Interim Management Escapement Goal 22,000 to 49,000 fish will likely not be achieved.



Inseason Assessment

- Lower Yukon River
 - Mainstem Yukon River sonar near Pilot Station
- Upper Yukon River
 - Escapement monitored at Porcupine River sonar
 - Fishing Branch River weir/video/sonar
- Local observations and reports



2023 Preseason Management Strategies

- Subsistence, personal use, sport, and commercial fall chum salmon fishing closed in Yukon River drainage.
- Porcupine River drainage subsistence fishing:
 - Nonsalmon gear open.
 - 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets for nonsalmon limited to 60 feet or shorter in length.
 - Selective gear for nonsalmon and coho salmon. Require release of fall chum and Chinook salmon if warranted.
- Porcupine River drainage salmon closure through December.



Questions?

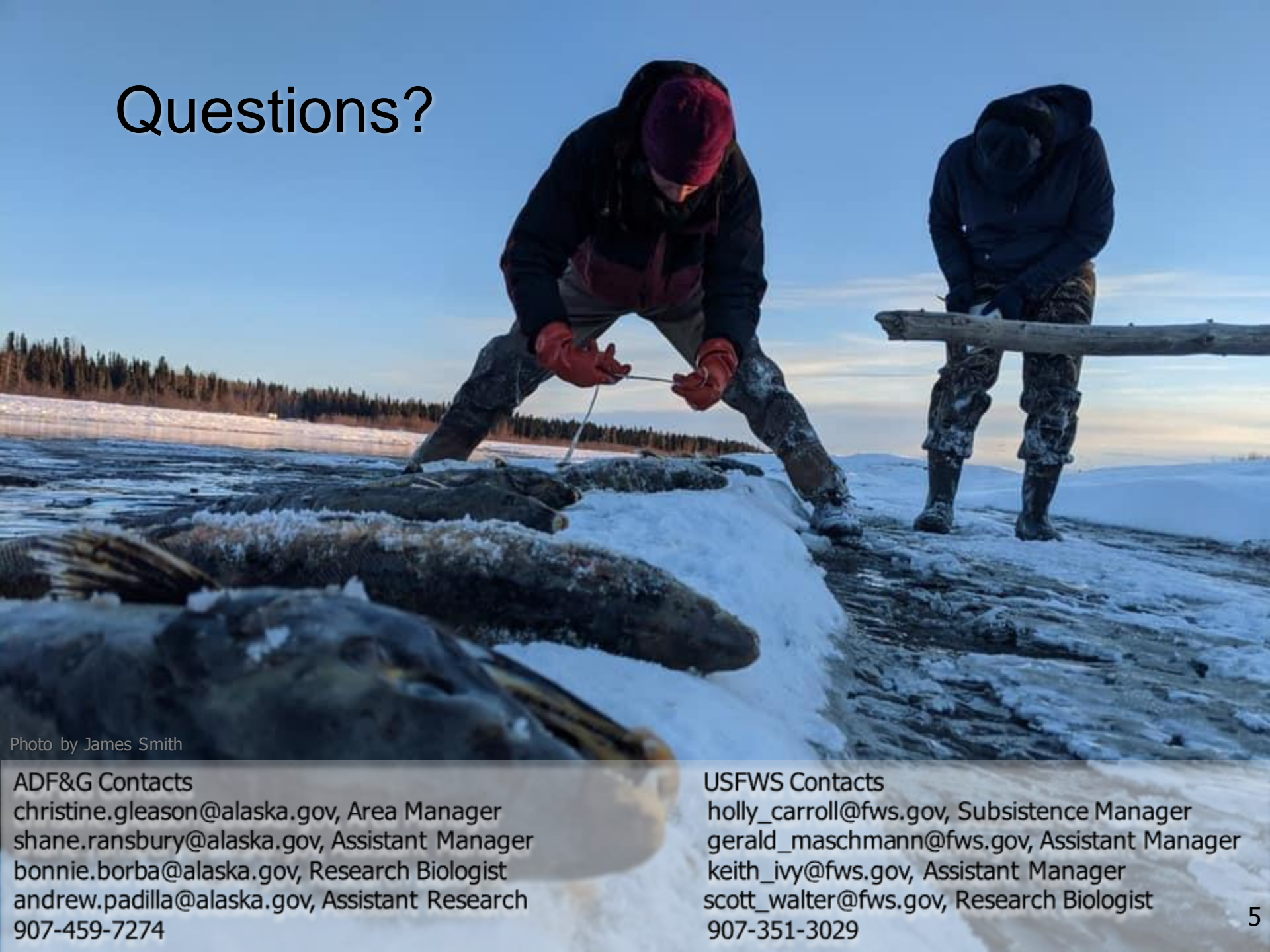


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