



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

April 11-16, 2026

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 11-14 are closed to the public.**

YUKON RIVER PANEL 2026 PRE-SEASON MEETING

Saturday, April 11 to Sunday, April 12 (Closed Sessions)

Canadian and U.S. Section Meetings

Monday, April 13 to Tuesday, April 14 (Closed Bilateral Session)

Bilateral Panel Preparatory Session

U.S. / CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING

PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 1

Borealis Room, Wedgewood Resort Visitor Center, Fairbanks, AK

Wednesday, April 15

Morning Session 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Yukon River Panel Opening Remarks and Administrative Items

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introduction and welcoming remarks – *Yukon River Panel Chairs*
3. Review and approval of meeting agenda – *Panel Chairs*
4. Review of Action Items from January 2026 Yukon River Panel Meeting – *Panel Chairs*

YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 1 (continued)

Yukon River Panel Traditional Knowledge Committee Update

5. Bi-annual report on activities and plans – *Committee Co-Chairs*

Yukon River Panel Communications Committee Update

6. Bi-annual report on activities and plans – *Committee Co-Chairs*

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

Yukon River Panel Joint Technical Committee Update

7. Bi-annual report on activities and plans – *Committee Co-Chairs*
8. Report on Development of Yukon River Panel Chinook Salmon Rebuilding Plan – *Panel Chairs / Trinity Consulting*

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

9. Public Comment / Testimony Opportunity #1 – Day 1

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Session 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2026 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Fishery Management Strategies: Chinook Salmon

10. 2026 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 Kendall, DFO*
 - d. 2026 Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – *Panel Chairs*

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

2025 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Fishery Management Strategies: Chum Salmon

11. 2026 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 – *Matt Olson, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Strategy – *Jaclyn Kendall, DFO*
 - d. 2026 Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – *Panel Chairs*
12. 2026 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 – *Matt Olson, ADF&G*
 - c. Canadian Management Strategy – *Jaclyn Kendall, DFO*
 - d. 2026 Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – *Panel Chairs*

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YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 1 (continued)

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

13. Public Comment / Testimony Opportunity #2 – Day 1

PUBLIC RECEPTION – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Gazebo Room, Wedgewood Visitor Center

**U.S. / CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 2
Borealis Room, Wedgewood Resort Visitor Center, Fairbanks, AK**

Thursday, April 16

Morning Session 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE

15. Overview of 2026 Proposal Submissions – *Sascha Bendt, PSC Fund Administrator*

16. 2026 R&E Fund Proposal Funding Decisions – *Panel Chairs*

17. 2027 Call For Project Proposals – *Sascha Bendt, PSC Fund Administrator*

- a. 2027 Near-Term Priorities
- b. 2027 Update / Changes to Call For Proposals
- c. Guidance for Project Proponents

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

18. Kwanlin Dun First Nation Salmon Stewardship – *Brandy Mayes, Kwanlin Dun First Nation Government*

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

19. Public Comment / Testimony Opportunity #1 – Day 2

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Session 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

20. 2025 Bering Sea Pollock Fishery Salmon Bycatch Summary: Annual Report to Yukon River Panel – *John Linderman, ADF&G, U.S Co-Chair*

21. Marine Salmon Research Update Presentation – *Ben Gray, SOEP ADF&G*

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

22. Yukon River Juvenile Salmon Outmigration Research – *Courtney Weiss, YDFDA*

23. Slims River (Kluane River) Glacial Recession, Water Diversion and Associated Considerations for Chum Salmon Production – *Adam O'Dell, DFO*

Yukon River Panel 2026 Pre-Season Meeting: April 11-16, 2026

YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING PUBLIC SESSION – DAY 2 (continued)

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

24. Public Comment / Testimony Opportunity #2- Day 2

4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

25. 2026 Post-Season Meeting - Confirmation of Date (January 2027) and Location (Alaska)

26. 2027 Pre-Season Meeting - Confirmation of Date (April 2027) and Location (Canada)

27. Closing Remarks

28. Closing Prayer

Public Meeting Concludes 5:00 pm