

2025 U.S. Porcupine River Management Summary



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2025 Outlook and Management Porcupine River Fall Chum Salmon

- Drainagewide Yukon River run size outlook was below 300,000 fall chum salmon
 - Canadian-origin Fishing Branch River ~4% of the drainagewide projection (about 9,000 fish)
 - Interim Management Escapement Goal 22,000 to 49,000 fish would not be achieved
 - Subsistence salmon fishing in the U.S. portion of Porcupine River drainage was expected to be closed



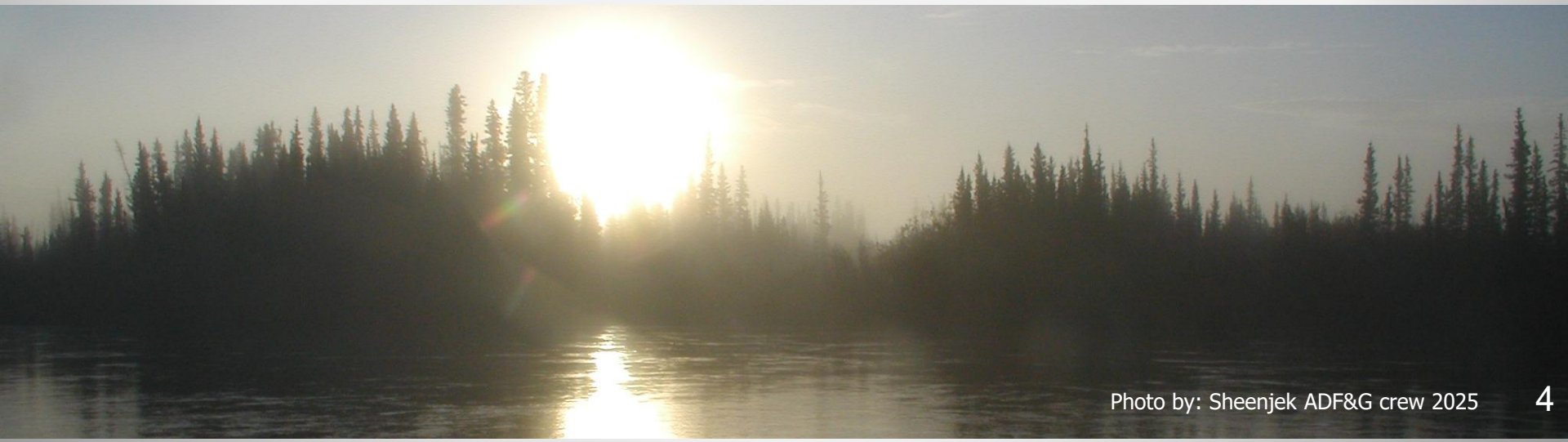
Fall Chum Salmon Inseason Assessment

- Lower Yukon River
 - Drainagewide inseason projection: **196,000** (range 114,000 to 322,000)
 - Fishing Branch inseason projection (4%): **8,000**
 - Drainagewide ended up 5th lowest run size in 52 years
- Upper Yukon River
 - Escapement monitored at Porcupine River sonar: **11,918**
 - Fishing Branch River weir/sonar: **7,858**

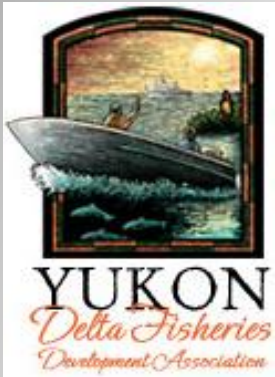


Management Actions

- All fishing closed for fall chum salmon in U.S. Porcupine River drainage
- Subsistence nonsalmon fishing:
 - 4-inch set gillnets limited to 60 feet in length and manned fish wheels, noon Thursdays to noon Sundays
 - Other nonsalmon gear require release of fall chum and Chinook salmon
- U.S. Porcupine River drainage salmon closure through December



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