**Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) Inseason Harvest Monitoring Weekly Report**

**June 26, 2019**

**Summary of Interview Activities**

On Saturday, June 22, our fisheries team visited a total of 45 fish camps from Oscarville slough up to the bluffs and conducted surveys at the Bethel boat harbor. Overall, fishers were glad to see so many Chinook salmon in the river and reported them to be very bright and silver. There were three reports of white spots and puss pockets in the sockeye salmon flesh. There was one report of “impolite fishing.”

**Table 1.** Average number of salmon harvested by surveyed Bethel area fish camps and Bethel boat harbor from the June 22 fishing opportunity.

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| **Data Source** | **Number of Surveys Conducted**  | **Average Chinook Salmon Harvest**  | **Average Chum Salmon Harvest** | **Average Sockeye Salmon Harvest** | **Average other harvest** |
| Bethel Area Fish Camps | 44 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 16.7 | <1 |
| Bethel Boat Harbor | 101 | 11.5 | 5.4 | 14.6 | <1 |

**Table 2.** Total number of salmon harvested in the non-spawning tributaries reported by Bethel area fish camps and at the Bethel boat harbor during the June 22 fishing opportunity.

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| **Non-Spawning Tributary** | **Number of Fishing Trips**  | **Total Chinook Salmon Harvest**  | **Total Chum Salmon Harvest** | **Total Sockeye Salmon Harvest** | **Total other harvest** |
| Gweek | 7 | 139 | 6 | 103 | 0 |
| Johnson | 7 | 109 | 72 | 171 | 1 |

**Fishing Progress Information**

This past survey period, we asked 31 fish camps the following question: “How close are you to achieving your Chinook, chum and sockeye salmon harvest goals?”

**Table 5.** Fishing progress by surveyed fish camps for Chinook, chum and sockeye salmon from the June 22 fishing opportunity.

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| **Salmon Species**  | **Not at all**  | **Under Half** | **Halfway** | **Over Half** | **Goal Met** |
| Chinook salmon  | 0%(n=0) | 6%(n=2) | 13%(n=4) | 36%(n=11) | 45%(n=14) |
| Chum salmon | 45%(n=14) | 10%(n=1) | 3%(n=3) | 6%(n=2) | 36%(n=11) |
| Sockeye salmon | 23%(n=7) | 13%(n=4) | 27%(n=8) | 13%(n=4) | 23%(n=7) |

**Chinook Salmon Age-Sex-Length (ASL) Sampling Program Recruitment**

Thus far this season, we’ve received samples from 21 samplers, all from Bethel, with the exception to one sampler from Tuntutuliak.

**Fish Distribution**

From June 19-June 23, we’ve delivered 108 Chinook salmon, 11 chum salmon and 71 sockeye to Bethel area Elders, disabled and widows as well as ONC Senior Services department to provide salmon for the meals on wheels program. These fish served an estimated 80 Elders, disabled and widows in Bethel excluding those registered with the meals on wheels program. These fish were caught by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game Bethel Test Fishery.