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

**July 10, 2019**

**Summary of Interview Activities**

From July 6-8, our fisheries team contacted a total of 39 fish camps from Oscarville slough up to the bluffs to conduct the end of the season survey.

**Fishing Progress Information**

The majority of respondents (n=32) met their Chinook salmon harvest goals, sockeye salmon harvest goals (n=31) and chum salmon harvest goals (n=27). Reasons provided for not meeting Chinook or sockeye salmon harvest goals included not having a dependable boat, needing to support several families and hot weather. The majority of respondents who did not meet their chum salmon harvest goals attributed it to a weak chum salmon run. There were only two fish camps who were still actively fishing for sockeye salmon and chum salmon.

**End of the Season Community Feedback**

At the end of the season, we asked fish camp users, “Have you or the Bethel community benefited from being involved with the ONC inseason harvest monitoring program?” We then followed up with asking them to identify how they have benefited or if they have not benefited, what are ways our program can be more beneficial/helpful to them in the future. This season, the majority of respondents (n=35) benefited from being involved with the ONC inseason harvest monitoring program. People listed several program components they have benefited from including the Chinook salmon age-sex-length sampling program as a way to earn money, receiving fish caught by ADFG Bethel Test Fishery, keeping track of their harvest numbers, having their information reported to fisheries management meetings, being more informed about any fishing opportunities and many were glad to see local youth involved in the work. Those who did not benefit (n=4) wanted more fishery openers and no restrictions during the Chinook salmon run.

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

During the 2019 fisheries season, we received ASL samples from 26 samplers all from Bethel, with exception to one sampler from Tuntutuliak. We also exceeded our sample size goal of 1500 Chinook salmon samples. All samples will be sent to the ADFG office in Anchorage to be analyzed.

**Fish Distribution**

From July 1-July 8, we distributed 44 Chinook salmon to 19 Bethel area Elders, disabled and widows. These fish were caught by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game Bethel Test Fishery.