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

**July 3, 2019**

**Summary of Interview Activities**

On Friday and Saturday, June 28-29, our fisheries team visited a total of 38 fish camps from Oscarville slough up to the bluffs. Overall, fishers were glad to see a high abundance of sockeye salmon in the river. The majority of fish camps (n=27) had not gone out fishing recently because their drying racks and smoke houses were full. There was one report of rod and reel fishing gear used to target sockeye salmon.

**Table 1.** Average number of salmon harvested by surveyed Bethel area fish camps.

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| **Data Source** | **Number of Fishing Trips**  | **Average Chinook Salmon Harvest**  | **Average Chum Salmon Harvest** | **Average Sockeye Salmon Harvest** | **Average other harvest** |
| Bethel Area Fish Camps | 11 | 2.2 | 7.8 | 33.2 | <1 |

**Fishing Progress Information**

We only asked fish camps who went out fishing recently for updated fishing progress information. 70% of respondents reported being over half way or having met their Chinook and sockeye salmon harvest goals and 50% reported being in these same categories for chum salmon.

**ASL Recruitment**

Chinook salmon-age-sex-length sampling recruitment has gone very well this season. We haven’t done this well with Bethel area recruitment since 2011. We express gratitude to all of the local fishers who took the time to sample their Chinook salmon catches this season.

**Fish Distribution**

As of Friday June 28, the community fish bin was put out by ADF&G near Brown slough. Our crew will continue to sample Chinook salmon otoliths and distribute those fish. From June 24-30th, we distributed 139 Chinook salmon, 48 chum salmon and 34 sockeye salmon 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 59 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.