

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

July 11, 2018

## Summary of Interview Activities

ONC conducted surveys with 39 fish camps from Thursday, July 5 through Monday, July 9, 2018. Seven fish camps reported to be done fishing until silver salmon are here. Five fish camps commented on the restrictions, and one fish camp stated they felt they should have been done putting away fish in June and another fish camp wanted more openers while the Chinook salmon were running heavy, but stated it was a good year overall. Two fish camps said there were too many openers. Five fish camps talked about the arrival of the sockeye salmon, and mentioned they were a little small and have been using sockeye salmon for strips. Two fish camps are waiting for good weather to start fishing again and did not want to fish with this bad weather because fear that their fish might spoil. One fish camp claimed that all fish tastes the same once it is dried and smoked. One fish camp stated that they got their Chinook salmon from Quinhagak. Another fish camp says they are almost done with rebuilding their fish camp and are preparing to fish. Lastly, one fish camp respondent who recently traveled upriver told us they are very happy, especially about getting 20 Chinook salmon for strips.

## Chinook Salmon ASL (Age-Sex-Length) Sampling Program

To date, we've received ASL samples from 16 individuals in the Bethel area.

## Harvest Summary

We collected data from 36 unique fishing trips at fish camps from the July 5 fishing opener. Most fishing trips (n=35) occurred from Napaskiak to Akiachak.

**Table 1.** Drift net, mesh size range and soak time reported from the July 5 fishing opener.

Total Drift Nets	Mesh Size Range	Average Soak Time (hours)
27	4"-6"	1.7 hours

**Table 2.** Set net, mesh size range and soak time reported from the July 5 fishing opener.

<b>Total Set Nets</b>	<b>Mesh Size Range</b>	<b>Average Soak Time (hours)</b>
9	4"-6"	7.8 hours

*Note: Two of the set nets had a soak time time of 23 hours. Without those soak times included, the average set net soak time was 3.5 hours.*

**Table 3.** Average number of salmon harvested by surveyed fish camps from the July 5 fishing opener.

<b>Average Chinook Salmon Harvest</b>	<b>Average Chum Salmon Harvest</b>	<b>Average Sockeye Salmon Harvest</b>	<b>Average other harvest</b>
1.3	14.1	22	1.2

### **Fishing Progress Data**

This past survey period, we asked fish camps the following question: "How close are you to achieving your Chinook salmon, chum salmon and sockeye salmon harvest goals?" 32 fish camps had responses for their Chinook salmon and sockeye salmon fishing progress and 31 fish camps had responses for their chum salmon fishing progress.

**Table 3.** Fishing progress by surveyed fish camps for Chinook salmon, chum salmon and sockeye salmon following the July 5 fishing opener.

<b>Salmon Species</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>Under Half</b>	<b>Halfway</b>	<b>Over Half</b>	<b>Goal Met</b>
Chinook salmon	25% (n=8)	12.5% (n=4)	15.6% (n=5)	9.4% (n=3)	37.5% (n=12)
Chum salmon	9.7% (n=3)	0% (n=0)	6.4% (n=2)	9.7% (n=3)	74.2% (n=23)
Sockeye salmon	9.4% (n=3)	9.4% (n=3)	15.6% (n=5)	21.8% (n=7)	43.8% (n=14)