

Orutsararmiut Native Council Inseason Harvest Monitoring Weekly Report

Summary of Final Interview Activities

ONC has conducted weekly surveys with 102 unique fish camps in the Bethel since June 4, 2018. Of these 102 fish camps, on average, each fish camp was contacted three times throughout the season. At this time, there are not many active fish camps because families have either met their goals, began transitioning into other subsistence activities or are waiting to target coho salmon.

Chinook salmon ASL (Age-Sex-Length) Sampling Program Recruits

ONC and ADF&G staff attempted to recruit ASL samplers at the Bethel boat harbor, Bethel area fish camps as well as pre-season recruitment at the local schools. As a result, we successfully recruited 18 ASL samplers.

Fishing Progress Data The most recent fishing progress information was collected by ONC surveyors on July 20. Of the 57 fish camps who shared their progress information with us, 44% (n=22) met their Chinook salmon harvest goals, 77% (n=39) met their chum salmon harvest goals and 60% (n=27) met their sockeye salmon harvest goals. Compared to 2017, the fishing progress information ONC surveyors collected during the last week of surveys indicates a higher percentage of responses met their Chinook salmon and sockeye salmon harvest goals this year. Of the respondents that did not meet at least one of their salmon harvest goals, specified reasons included restrictions, high water, combat fishing and bad weather causing their fish to spoil. Additional fish camps were unable to specify harvest goals because they “get as much as they need.”

End of Season Comments

ONC surveyors wanted to get an idea if fish camp respondents felt their voices were heard by being asked to provide information for managers each week. Roughly 58% of respondents (n=32) felt their voice was being heard through the inseason harvest monitoring program, 31% (n=17) did not feel their voice was heard by managers and 11% (n=6) of respondents were unsure.