

21. The Parties further recognize that the agreed rebuilding program for salmon spawned in the mainstem Yukon River in Canada is expected to contribute increased escapements to Porcupine River stocks.
22. To ensure that maximum benefits accrue to Porcupine River spawning escapements from the rebuilding program for mainstem stocks, the Parties agree:
  - (a) not to initiate new fisheries on Canadian-origin stocks within the Porcupine River drainage before December 31, 1999; and
  - (b) if after this period either Party intends to initiate a new fishery on the Porcupine River, that Party shall inform the Yukon River Panel, which shall have the authority to make recommendations for management arrangements to the Parties.
23. The JTC shall compile existing information on the status of Porcupine River salmon stocks and on management and research tools available for management of these stocks. Based on this information, the JTC shall:
  - (a) advise the Yukon River Panel regarding the status of these stocks and the benefits accruing to Porcupine River salmon spawning escapements from the mainstem rebuilding program;
  - (b) prepare a range of potential rebuilding options for the Fishing Branch River fall chum salmon, including the option of allowing these stocks to rebuild as a result of the rebuilding program agreed to for the Yukon River mainstem fall chum salmon stock; and
  - (c) recommend to the Yukon River Panel ways to improve and expand information needed to better manage these stocks for optimum production.
24. Based on information and recommendations provided by the JTC, the Yukon River Panel shall consider making recommendations to the Parties regarding rebuilding, restoration and improved management of these Porcupine River stocks.

#### General

25. If information becomes available that indicates that the catch records that provided the basis for the Canadian guideline harvest range in paragraphs 12 (Chum Salmon) and 17 (Chinook Salmon) are erroneously low, at Canada's request the Yukon River Panel may recommend increasing the ranges set out in these paragraphs to reflect the adjusted figures for the Aboriginal Fishery and the sport fishery catch.