

Chinook Salmon

16. With respect to chinook salmon originating in the Yukon River in Canada, the Parties agreed that spawning escapements declined substantially below levels necessary to achieve optimum sustainable yields. Recognizing the desirability of arresting the decline, the Parties agree to a minimum spawning escapement objective of 18,000 for the Canadian mainstem chinook stock for six years beginning in 1990. Recognizing the difficulty of managing selectively Yukon River chinook salmon stocks, the Parties will endeavour to meet the spawning escapement objective. During this six-year period, the Panel shall develop a rebuilding program that will result in optimum sustained yields from the stock and recommend measures to implement this program.
17. During the period of 1990 to 1995 inclusive for the Canadian mainstem chinook stocks, the United States will endeavour to deliver annually between 34,800 and 37,800 chinook salmon to the Canadian border on the mainstem Yukon River and Canada will endeavour to manage the harvest of chinook salmon in the mainstem Yukon River in Canada within a guideline harvest range of 16,800 in years of weak returns and 19,800 in years of strong returns.
18. In years of very strong returns the United States agrees to consider, with a view to increasing, the border escapement in order to allow spawning escapement above the stabilization level.
19. The responsible management entities shall consult closely and where possible coordinate pre-season management planning and in-season responses to run assessments. If during pre-season discussion within the Yukon River Panel, consideration is being given to not conducting a directed commercial fishery in Alaska because of serious conservation concerns, Canada will also consider taking such a measure. If it is determined in-season that pre-season management measures agreed to by the Panel are insufficient to achieve agreed spawning escapement levels, the Parties agree to consider taking further conservation measures to meet the escapement objectives.

Porcupine River

20. The Parties recognize that limited information currently exists for salmon stocks spawned in the Porcupine River drainage in Canada. Information available for the Fishing Branch fall chum salmon stock indicates that spawning escapements for this stock are below interim escapement objectives.