

Rebuilding Mainstem Yukon River Chum and Chinook Stocks

22. With respect to chum and chinook salmon originating in the Yukon River in Canada, when spawning escapements fall below target levels for rebuilt stocks as specified in Appendices 1 and 2 to Chapter 8, Annex IV, upon recommendation of the Yukon River Panel, the Parties shall, through their respective management entities, implement a brood year rebuilding program for the Canadian mainstem stocks. The objective of the rebuilding plan shall be to systematically, as per paragraph 23 below, rebuild the spawning escapement in subsequent return years to the escapement objectives specified from time to time in Appendix 1 for chum and in Appendix 2 for chinook salmon.

23. The rebuilding program shall take into account the relative health of the brood years with the object of rebuilding stronger brood years in one cycle and weaker brood years in no more than three cycles in equal increments. For greater certainty, a cycle for chum salmon is typically considered to be four years, and for chinook salmon, six years, although the Panel may incorporate other age components in designing rebuilding programs.