

# Yukon Area BOF Regulation Changes Commercial and Subsistence



US/CANADA Yukon River Panel  
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# Chinook Stock of Concern

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- Run sizes variable
- Subsistence harvest steady until 2007
- Commercial harvest reduced or eliminated since 2001

## Yukon Chinook:

Continued as a “Stock of Yield  
Concern”

# BOF Supported Proposals

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## Proposals 92 (Commercial)

Prohibit sale of king salmon harvested during chum directed commercial fishing periods in Yukon River drainage

### **BOF supported amended language:**

**When king salmon subsistence fishing is restricted in more than one district or a portion of a district, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close a fishery and reopen a fishery during which king salmon taken may be retained but not sold.**

# BOF Supported Proposals, Cont.

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## Proposal 193 (Commercial)

Review the Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan

### **BOF supported amended language:**

**When the projected run size is more than 900,000, but not more than 1,000,000 fish, the commissioner may open, by emergency order, a drainage wide commercial fishery to harvest up to 50,000 fish above the run size of 900,000 chum salmon distributed by district or subdistrict in proportion to the guideline harvest levels**

# BOF Supported Proposals, Cont.

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## Proposal 194 (Commercial)

Revise triggers in Fall Chum Management Plan

### **BOF supported amended language:**

**Modified the plan by reducing the threshold required to allow a directed fall chum salmon fishery from a run size of more than 600,000 fall chum salmon down to 500,000 fall chum salmon. In addition, the threshold required to allow a directed coho salmon fishery in the Yukon River Coho Salmon Management Plan was changed from a run size of 550,000 fall chum salmon to 500,000 fall chum salmon.**

# BOF Supported Proposals, Cont.

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Proposal 199 (commercial) (September 2009 BOF petition)

Modify Coho Management Plan for late season harvest

## **BOF supported:**

**This proposal was adopted by the BOF. If the department determines that there is a harvestable surplus of coho salmon above escapement needs and those necessary for subsistence uses, and that a directed coho salmon commercial fishery will not have a significant impact on escapement or allocation of fall chum salmon, the department may open a directed coho salmon commercial fishery late in the season.**

# BOF Supported Proposals, Cont.

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## Proposal 82 (*Subsistence*)

Establish subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Subdistrict 4-A of two 48-hour periods per week

**BOF Action: Supported**

# BOF Supported Proposals, Cont.

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## Proposal 87 (Subsistence)

Review Yukon King Salmon Management plan

**BOF Action: Supported with amended language**

**5 AAC 05.360(d)(1) is amended to read:**

**(1) Coastal District, Koyukuk River, Innoko River, and Subdistrict 5-D; seven days per week.**

# BOF Supported Proposals, Cont.

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## Proposal 94 (*Subsistence*)

Impose a windowed fishing schedule for commercial and subsistence fishing

### **BOF supported amended language:**

**If preseason or inseason run assessment information indicates insufficient abundance of king salmon to meet escapement objectives on specific components of the run, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close all salmon fishing in a district or portion of a district.**

# BOF Supported Proposals, Cont.

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## Proposal 81 (*Subsistence and Commercial*)

Changed subsistence fishing schedule in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C

**BOF Action: Supported**

# BOF Supported Proposals, Cont.

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## Proposal 90 (*Subsistence and Commercial*)

Restrict subsistence and commercial gillnets in the Yukon River drainage to no more than 6-inch mesh size

### **BOF supported an amendment to the proposal:**

Maximum mesh size of 7.5 inch for the Yukon River drainage for commercial and subsistence gillnets.

## **Regulation takes affect in 2011**

# Thank You

