



# Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

## Yukon River Chinook Salmon Harvest Recommendations 2018

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Yukon River Chinook salmon populations have been declining and stocks need to be increased to 1980 and 1990 levels to ensure the species survives into the future. Currently the Yukon River Chinook productivity ratio (number of fish returning for each spawner) is 2 to 1. Historically, prior to the decline, the return per spawner ratio for this stock has averaged more than 3 fish returning per spawner.

Your harvest rights are protected through land claims however, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee have suggested the following harvest recommendations in efforts to preserve this stock:

### **HARVEST RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Recommend TKC citizens either harvest minimal or forego harvest in 2018 to rebuild this vulnerable resource. Take only what they need or cease harvest to allow fish stocks to rebuild.
2. Harvesters should provide TKC with information on; the number of hours fished, type of gear used, and the total daily catches by species on the salmon harvest calendar and this should be returned to TKC at the end of the harvest season.
3. Please provide the **general** location of fishing efforts to assist overall management. The members name will not be reported to DFO.
4. Use smaller than 6" gill nets to allow larger spawners to escape.
5. Set only 1 fish net / fish camp.
6. Release females.
7. Do not allow a fishery in or around the vicinity of Fox Creek where a stock restoration project is in place.

Please contact Deborah Fulmer if you have questions or require further information.

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