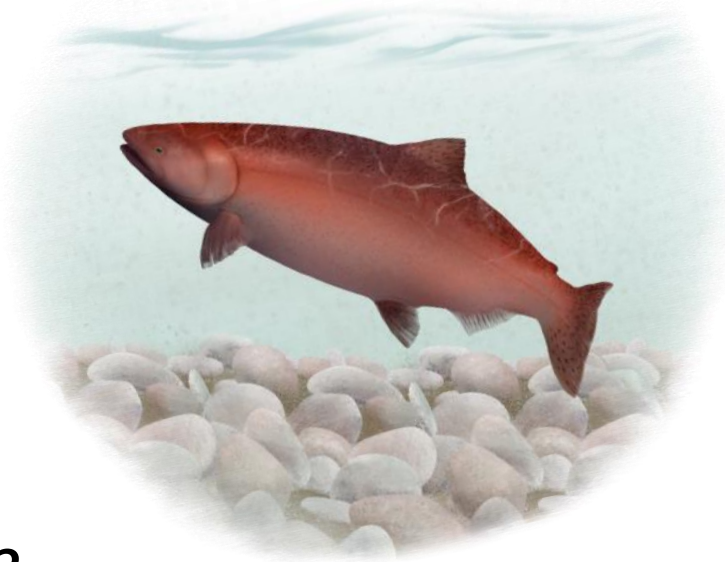
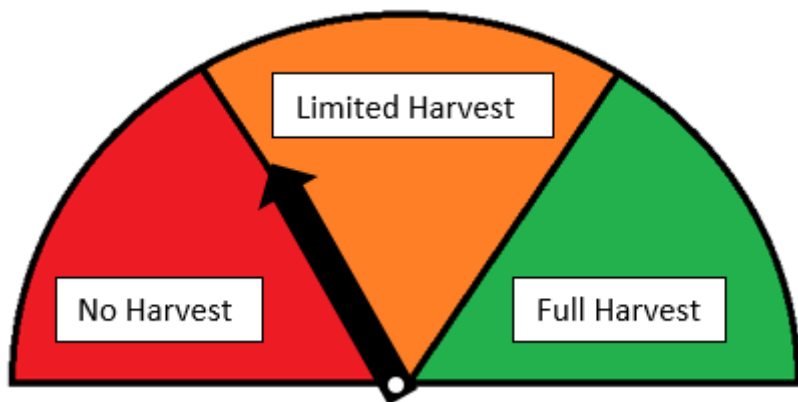


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Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee is asking fishers to:

- Plan for no harvest
- Except for a minimal community ceremonial and, or, cultural harvest
- If in-season counts improve, we will recommend a harvest



Why?

- Chinook run is predicted to be around the lower end of the spawning escapement goal (42,500)
- Alaska has closed their salmon fisheries
- Spawning escapement goal has not been met for the last 2 years
- High water could increase mortality





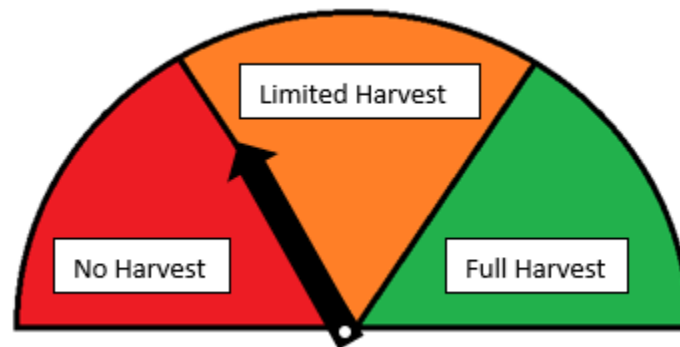
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The pre-season forecast and counts from Pilot Sonar, located in Alaska near the mouth, indicate that Chinook are around the bottom end of the spawning escapement goal of 42,500. This means that there is unlikely to be enough Chinook for harvesting this year. Additionally, high water and other environmental conditions could further reduce the number of Chinook that reach their spawning grounds. **As such, Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee is asking fishers to plan on not harvesting Chinook this year.** Exceptions should be considered for a minimal ceremonial, and, or cultural harvest for communities.



In response to the anticipated low Chinook return, Alaska closed all their salmon fisheries in the coastal areas and in river.

Carl Sidney, Vice Chair of the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee states, "We realize people from the mouth of the Yukon River to the headwaters are suffering, but the salmon are suffering too."

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