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Stikine River Federal subsistence Chinook Salmon fishery closed

WRANGELL, Alaska – Wrangell District Ranger Robert Dalrymple, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is closing the Federal subsistence Chinook Salmon fishery in the Stikine River from May 15 – June 20, 2018. This year's preseason forecast for the Stikine River is 6,900 large Chinook Salmon (greater than 28 inches in total length), which is well below the escapement goal range of 14,000 to 28,000. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has also taken actions in the state-managed fisheries to reduce the harvest of Stikine River Chinook Salmon. The closure of the Chinook Salmon fishery does not affect other Stikine River Federal subsistence fisheries beginning June 21, 2018.

For additional information, please contact Robert Dalrymple at 907-874-2323, or Martin Hutten at 907-974-7502. Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found on the web at <u>www.doi.gov/subsistence</u>.

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