

**Eagle
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Central	Middle Nenana River
Delta	Middle Yukon River
Eagle	Minto-Nenana
Fairbanks	Ruby
GASH	Stony Holitna
Koyukuk River	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Lake Minchumina	Upper Tanana Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

April 17, 2023

Resolution 4-13-23-A
Suspension of Ichthyophonus sampling
of Chinook Salmon, 2023 Season

Whereas: Yukon River Chinook salmon returns in 2022 were the lowest returns in recorded history.

Whereas: Canada, Chena, and Salcha stocks together, making up 75% of all Yukon River Chinook returns on the Yukon river.

Whereas: only 12,000 Canadian Origin Chinook salmon reached the Alaska- Canada border in 2022.

Whereas: in the year 2000 Canadian Chinook stocks constituted approx. 50% of the entire run of Chinook on the Yukon River, and now have declined to constitute 41-43%

Whereas: Chena and Salcha Chinook stocks constitute 25% of the total Yukon River Chinook runs

Whereas: no Escapement goals have been met for FOUR years IN A ROW on the Yukon River for Chinook stocks.

Whereas: there has been no Subsistence Harvest for Chinook salmon on the Yukon River for three years.

Whereas: USFWS, and ADFG are planning to kill 800 Chinook salmon each year for the next three years. While NO subsistence harvest is expected to occur, to study effect of Ichthyophonus as possible cause for missing fish.

Whereas: many communities in the Upper Yukon and All of Canadian communities feel very strongly that **EVERY FISH COUNTS** to return to spawning streams **during this Historically Low Numbers of Chinook returns.**

Whereas: many Upper river Communities, and all Canadian Communities have great fear and concerns that Chinook Stock are near extinction, DUE TO EXTREME LOW RETURNS TO SPAWNING STREAMS.

Therefore be it Resolved: the Eagle AC request that USFWS and ADF&G postpone the intended studies of Ichthyophonus this summer season to avoid the **lethal take of 800 extremely critical fish to dangerously depleted spawning grounds.**

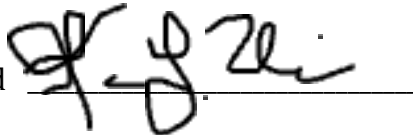
Therefore be it resolved: to postpone this study until Escapements are met in the Canadian main stem, Chena, and Salcha Rivers, for a minimum of 1 year.

Therefore be it resolved: the Eagle AC agrees that doing this study this summer sets a very poor example for Fish Conservation, and is completely disrespectful to the struggling Chinook stocks, and the people who depend on those stocks now and into the future for their children, grandchildren, and future generations for Culture, Food Security and WAY OF LIFE.

Supported by unanimous vote of the Eagle Fish & Game Advisory Committee.

Chair. Karma Ulvi

Signed

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Date: 4/13/23

Additional supporters: