







unless preseason restrictions were in place. The ADF&G issued a closure on sport fishing for Chinook Salmon on March 6, 2017. Similarly, the U.S. Forest Service did not issue any Federal subsistence fishing permits allowing the harvest of Chinook Salmon in 2017. The Situk River has a preliminary escapement estimate of 1,187 for 2017, indicating the restrictions likely allowed more fish to reach the spawning grounds this year.

Stikine River:

The 2017 Stikine River pre-season terminal area abundance forecast is 18,300 large (>30 inches total length) Chinook Salmon. According to provisions in the Pacific Salmon Treaty, the terminal area pre-season run estimate must be greater than 28,100 large Chinook Salmon to produce an allowable catch for either the U.S. or Canada when managing for the mid-point of the escapement goal range (21,000). Therefore, subsistence fishing for Chinook Salmon in the Stikine River was restricted for the entire season beginning in early May. Post-season total escapement estimates are expected to be available at a later date.

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