

Fairbanks, Alaska, October, 1933

Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D.C.

Annual report 1933 for Yukon & Tanana River

The Coot was launched from the Government ways at Nenana on May, 18, before launching the Coots motor was given a thorough overhauling, left Nenana for the mouth of the Yukon River on May, 23, the water in the Tanana River was at the lowest stage I have ever seen it at this time of the year, a very light fall of snow all over the interior of Alaska accounted for it, it was also the reason for the late breakup in the Yukon River, on May, 28, we caught up with the ice at the upper end of Shageluk Slough and had to lay up for the river to clear, upon arrival at Hamilton on June, 3, found the ice had just cleared out of the river there the day before, after the ice left the river it piled up off the different mouths, as there was no tides or wind to break it up, it layed there until June, 16, on June, 14, 25 kings were caught, but they were badly bruised and cut up by the ice, the big run of kings started on June, 17, and continued through the month, this was the latest for kings to come into the river ever known down there,

The chum run started on June, 30, which was about ten days late, the catches at Kwiguk, Sun-shine bay and Acoularak camps was exceptionally heavy and up river as far as Mountain Village, but from Mountain Village up river the catch was the lightest they have had in years, the water in the Yukon was at a very low stage during the months of June and July, which might account for the light catch above tide water, as no doubt the fish were out in the channel to far for the wheels to catch them.

Frank Kern and Chris. Lauredson were the only ones that fished for export this season. all of their catches were made with gill nets. the kings averaged up larger than last season, they run from 47 to 50 to the 800 \$ tierce. any sides that were not suitable for mild curing were hard salted and shipped to Seattle with his mild cure pack. Kerns catch out side the mouth was 8,358 -- Lauredsons catch was 471 - Total catch 8,829

There was over one hundred and twenty five tons of dried dog feed carried over from last season by traders and natives. from reports received since returning to Fairbanks the September run was fairly good which will provide plenty of fish for every ones needs along the Yukon and Tanana Rivers.

Left Hamilton on return trip to Fairbanks on July. 29. arrived at Nenana on August 15. the Coot was pulled out of the water on August. 19. during the season 3,470 miles were covered. the early return to Nenana was fortunate as three days after we came into the Tanana River the water fell nearly two feet and remained at that level until the middle of September. if we had not got into the river when we did it would have been necessary to tie up at Tanana for thirt days or more waiting for the water to raise.

Upon arrival at Nenana found the Alaska Railroad had put in another set of timbers on the Bureaus ways and also had built a cradle. there was no trouble what ever in pulling the Coot out of the water and am sure we will not have any trouble in launching and pulling out in the future.

Charles Mc.Gonagall was employed as Stream Guard for the Kuskokwim River. Herbert Lawrence acted as engineer and assistant on the Coot. to cut down expenses Lawrence was layed off at Anvik on August. 3. he will remain there during the winter.

From all indications the fur catch should be good this winter. as grouse. Ptarmigan and rabbits were plentiful all along both the Yukon and Tanana Rivers.

Respectfully.

Calvin F. Thompson
By/ Inspector, Alaska Fish Commission

COPY

CATCH OF SALMON ON THE YUKON RIVER FOR 1933

Kwikluak Mouth.

Frank Kern, Kwiguk Slough.

2- Wheels.
2- Dories.
1- Launch.
9- Men. (All natives)
2,600 Kings.
42 Tons. Dried chums.
20-Cases. Smoked king strips. 2-¢ cans.
100- " Kings. 2-¢ cans.
10- " Kings. smoked and sliced. 2-¢ cans.
3,000 ¢ King bellies.
1,400 ¢ Chum bellies.

Frank Kern, Out side of mouth, for export.

11- Fishermen- (all natives)
19- Shoremen- (all natives)
1- Shoreman- (white man)
500- Fathoms King nets.
2- Launches.
5- Skiffs.
1- Scow.
123-800 ¢ Tierces mild cure kings.
72- 200 ¢ Bbls. Hard salted sides.

Pete Jorgensen - Kwiguk Slough.

1- Wheel.
700- Kings.
5- Tons. Dried chums.

Andy Olsen - Kwiguk Slough - (Sines deceased)

28 Wheels.
30-Fathoms. King nets.
400- Kings.
6- Tons. Dried chums.
4- Men. (natives)

N.L. Holagren - Sun Shine Bay

50- Fathoms. King nets.
50- Fathoms. Chum nets.
700- Kings
6- Tons. Dried chums.
800- ¢ King bellies hard salted.
6- Cases. Smoked kings - 1 - ¢ cans.
10- " Smoked kings - 1/2 ¢ cans.

Acoularak Mission - Head of Sun shine bay.

3- Wheels.
5,000 Kings.
12- Tons. Dried chums.

COPY

Natives in Kvikluak & Kwiguk Mouths.

20- Families.
80- Fathoms. Chum nets.
5- Wheels.
70- Fathoms King nets
30- Tons. Dried chums.
1,000 Kings.

John Johansen - Bugomavik Slough.

8- Fathoms. Chum nets.
100- Kings.
2- Tons. Dried chums.

Natives in New Hamilton Slough.

6- Families.
2- Wheels.
15- Fathoms. Chum nets.
600- Kings.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

COPY

John Prince - Aparoka Pass.

1- Wheel.
250- Kings.
3- Tons Dried chums.

Natives at Aproka Pass.

5- Native families.
1- Wheel.
30- Fathoms. Chum nets.
400- Kings.
50 Tons. Dried chums.

Kewanik channel.

6- Native families.
2- Wheels.
40- Fathoms. Chum nets.
20- Fathoms. King nets.
200- Kings.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Old Hamilton.

7- Native families.
30- Fathoms. Chum nets.
10- Fathoms. King nets.
200- Kings.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Bill Moores.

5- Native families.
25- Fathoms. Chum nets.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Keechucks.

5- Native families.
4- Wheels.
40- Fathoms. Chum nets.
40- Fathoms King nets.
600- Kings.
8- Tons. Dried chums.

Mountain Village.

16- Native families.
12- Wheels.
40- Fathoms. Chum nets.
500- Kings.
20- Tons Dried chums.

Pitka Point - Mouth of Andraafsky River.

5- Native families.
30- Fathoms. Chum nets.
150 Kings.
8- Tons. Dried chums.

Pilot Station

9- Native families
5- Wheels. (continued)

COPY

Pilot Station - continued

60- Fathoms. Chum nets.
100- Kings
8- Tons Dried chums.

Marshall.

8- Native families.
3- Wheels.
50- Fathoms. Chum nets.
400- Kings.
7- Tons. Dried chums.

Inhagamute.

7- Native families.
3- Wheels.
60- Fathoms. Chum nets.
200- Kings.
7- Tons. Dried chums.

Marshall

Okagamute.

8- Native families.
3- Wheels.
50- Fathoms. Chum nets.
250- Kings.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Russian Mission.

7- Native families.
45- Fathoms. Chum nets.
5- Tons. Dried chums.

Piamute.

13- Native families.
11- Wheels.
35- Fathoms. Chum nets.
800- Kings.
7- Tons. Dried chums.

Holy Cross.

12- Native families.
6- Wheels.
100- Fathoms. Chum nets.
600- Kings.
12- Tons. Dried chums.

James Walker - Holy Cross.

1- Wheels.
5- Tons. Dried chums.

Bonasells.

6- Native families.
9- Wheels.
20- Fathoms. Chum nets.
5- Tons. Dried chums.

Anvik.

15- Native families.
13- Wheels.
30- Fathoms. Chum nets. (continued)

Anvik

COPY

Anvik - (continued)

250- Kings.
12- Tons. Dried chums.

3-Mile Island.
6- Native families.
4- Wheels.

35- Fathoms. Chum Nets.
150- Kings.
7- Tons. Dried Chums.

Ed Robinson.
1- Wheel.
5- Tons. Dried chums.

Halls Rapids.
9- Native families.
8- Wheels.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

William Thurman. - Blackburn.
1- Wheels.
4- Tons. Dried chums.

Jimmy Woods.
1- Wheel.
1- Ton. Dried chums.

Kaltag.
20- Native families.
18- Wheels.
40- Fathoms. Chum nets.
400- Kings.
22- Tons. Dried chums.

Half Way.
8- Native families.
8- Wheels.
500- Kings.
10- Tons. Dried chums.

Mulato.
17- Native families.
17- Wheels.
400- Kings.
15- Tons. Dried chums.

Kuyukuk.
16- Native families.
16- Wheels.
600- Kings.
98 Tons Dried chums.

Bishop Mountain.
3- Native families.
3- Wheels.
100- Kings.
48 Tons. Dried chums.

Shagluk - Holikachuk ?

Nulato

Koyukuk

COPY

Merry Widow Bend.
2- Native families.
2- Wheels.
4- Tons. Dried chums.

Louden.
8- Native families.
8- Wheels.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Whiskey Creek.
2- Wheels.
100- Kings.
1- Ton. Dried chums.

Galena

Camps between Whiskey Creek and Ruby.
15- Native families.
14- Wheels.
800- Kings.
20- Tons. Dried chums.

Ruby.- Red Allen.
2- Wheels.
5- Tons. Dried chums.

Andy Mc.Donald. - Ruby
2- Wheels.
46 Tons. Dried chums.

Alex Brown. - Ruby.
4- Wheels.
14- Tons. Dried chums.

Ruby to Kokrines.
7- Native families.
6- Wheels.
10- Tons. Dried chums.

John Swenson. - Palasades.
2- Wheels.
4- Tons. Dried chums.

Griders.
7- Native families.
5- Wheels.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Robsons.
4- Wheels.
300- Kings.
8- Tons. Dried chums.

Tanana
5- Native families
5- Wheels
200- Kings.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Ruby + Kokrines

Tanana

COPY

Tanana to Nenana

20- Native families.
 18- Wheels.
 200- Kings.
 17- Tons. Dried chums.

Totals.

Wheels.	King nets.	Chum nets.	Kings	Dried chums	Silvers
242	720-Fathoms	913 Fathoms	19,950	39 KWN 392 Tons.	

COPY

COPY

Fairbanks, Alaska, October, 19, 1933.

Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D.C.

Annual report 1933 for the Kuskokwim River.

Left Launch Coot at the mouth of Portage Slough on June, 1st. en-route to Bethel on the Kuskokwim River, had considerable trouble with ice in the lakes crossing the Portage, arrived at Bethel on June, 4th.

Upon arrival at Bethel learned the The Harris Bros., had wired in and engaged fishermen for the season, also that the Waechter Bros., had written in and engaged their fishermen, no word was received from either of them until the last of June when wires came saying that neither one of them were coming, but that they intended to come back for the 1934 season.

The Launch Marie S. was chartered from Oscar Samuelson for patrol work @ \$ 8.50 per day with oils furnished, it was used for 31- days.

Left Bethel July, 29th. on return trip to the Yukon, boarded the Launch Coot at the mouth of Portage Slough on August, 1st. arrived at Nulato on August, 15th.

There were no real runs of salmon of any kind during the fifty four days I was there, the first salmon to come into the river was on June, 14th. and at no time were there any catches of any consequence. the best catches were made with drift nets during the night, there was no rain during June and July and river was clear, which no doubt accounted for the gill nets and wheels not making any catches.

Most of the traders and natives carried dried fish over from last

season, with a catch of 282- tons and what will be caught from the September run there will be plenty of dog feed and food for the natives for the winter.

Follows a list of native families from Apokok to Toliksak with number of fathoms used, tons of dried fish, and number of kings caught.

286- Families from Apokok to Toliksak.

2,060- Fathoms king nets.

5,570- Fathoms chum nets.

6,290-Kings.

282- Tons dried chums.

Respectfully,

Charles E. Burroughs

St. Lawrence Island

COPY