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Commissioner of Fisheries
Washington, D.C.

Seasons report of the fisheries from Kwiguk at the South mouth of the
Yukon River to Nenana on the Tanana River -----1935.

The Coot was launched on May 21 - Left Nenana for the mouth of the Yukon
on May 29 - Wm. Lindstrom was employed as Stream Guard for the Yukon District
doing duty aboard the Coot-- Charles McGonagall was employed as Stream Guard for
the Kuskokwim District, using the chartered Launch Marie S. McGonagall left the
Coot at the mouth of Portage Slough on June 6, proceeding to the Kuskokwim with
out-board motor and canoe, after his seasons work was finished he returned to the
Yukon, arriving at the head of Portage Slough on August 21, came aboard the Coot
and returned to Nenana arriving there on September 14, the Coot was put on the
ways on September 18.

The ice moved out of the Tanana River at Nenana on May 16, which was the
latest breakup in history, off the mouth of the Yukon there was ice on June 15
which is nearly the record for down there, the first kings were caught at the
mouth on June 11, the peak of the king run was from June 18 to June 27, the chums
came into the river with the kings and continued to run through June and up to
July 20 from July 20 to August 14 the date we left the mouth for Fairbanks the
wheels were picking from seventy five to one hundred in every twenty four, most
of these fish were put in what the natives call chenuk holes and dug up in the
winter for their own use and dog feed.

Although the catch of kings and chums was not as heavy as in some of the
years, it was plenty for any of those that made any effort to get them, every
there always been and always will be some that have not got fish enough to last

them until Christmas, but they are not in the majority by any means.

In some places the Traders were paying 10¢ per lb. in trade for limited amounts of dried fish, an average of 8¢ per lb. would be about right for the whole length of the river, dried fish has always sold here in Fairbanks for 12 or 15¢ per pound this fall it is selling for 10¢ per pound with the market over stocked.

On our way up the Tanana River found many of the camps had been abandoned and the Natives gone to their winter camps, but those that were still fishing were having good catches, at no time in the past have the Natives on the Tanana River made any great effort to catch any amount of fish, as there are moose and caribou in the hills that can be easily killed, taking the season as a whole the natives are as well fixed for fish as they have ever been it is the ones that live around the towns that are always in need and not the ones that are out in the hills.

Respectfully,

/by/

Calvin F. Townsend

Inspector, Alaska Fisheries

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Catch of Salmon on the Yukon & Tanana Rivers - 1935

Jorgensen & Johnson - Kwiguk Slough

2- Wheels
20- Fathoms chum nets
600- Kings
8- Tons dried chums
13-200# Bbls. Hard salted chums
7- 200 " Hard salted kings

William O'Connor - Kwiguk Slough

1- Wheel
10- Fathoms chum nets
200- Kings
2- Tons dried chums
15-100# Bbls. Hard salted kings
10-50# " Hard salted chums

15-Native Families - Kwiguk

5- Wheels
50- Fathoms chum nets
700- Kings
6- Tons dried chums

Bugomavik - Mouth of Aparoka Pass

2- Wheels
10- Native Families
9- Tons dried chums
400- Kings
6- Chum nets - 8 - fathoms each

Old Hamilton - Apoon Mouth

7- Native Families
1- Wheel
6- Chum nets - 7 Fathoms each
3- King nets - 7 Fathoms each
5- Tons dried chums
200 Kings

Akulurak, head of Sunshine Bay - St. Marys Mission

4- Wheels
28,000.00 Chums

Keechucks-

5- Native Families
5- Wheels
5- Chum nets - 8 Fathoms each
100- Kings
5- Tons dried chums

Mt. Village

20- Native families
13- Wheels
7- Chum nets - 6 fathoms each
200 Kings
7- Tons dried chums

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Kewanik-

8- Native Families
3- Wheels
6- Chum nets - 7 fathoms each
300 Kings
5 Tons dried chums

Pitka Point-Mouth of Andreafsky River

12- Native Families
1- Wheel
9- Chum nets - 6 fathoms each
500- Kings
5- Tons dried chums

George Peterson - Old Andreafsky

1 Wheel
2½ Tons dried chums

Pilot Station

8- Native Families
4- Wheels
7- Chum nets - 8 fathoms each
500 Kings
10- Tons dried chums

Marshall

9- Native Families
4- Wheels
6- Chum nets - 9 fathoms each
800- Kings
10- Tons dried chums

Russian Mission

9- Native Families
4- Wheels
10- Nets - 7 fathoms each
2,500 Kings
12 Tons dried chums

Tuckers Landing - Alex Holmberg

1 Wheel
2 Tons dried chums

Piamute.

15 Native Families
9- Wheels
6 Chum nets - 20 fathoms each
600 Kings
13- Tons dried chums

Holy Cross

11- Native Families
4- Wheels
2- Chum nets - 30 fathoms each
800- Kings
4- Tons chums

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Nulato

15- Native Families
16- wheels
500- Kings
14- Tons dried chums

Koyukuk

16- Native Families
15- wheels
700- Kings
10- Tons chums dried

Bishop Mountain - Walter Nooler

1- wheel
100- Kings
3- Tons dried chums

Galena

4- Native Families
3- wheels
200- Kings
4- Tons dried chums

Merry Widow Point

6- Native Families
4- wheels
200- Kings
4- Tons dried chums

Whiskey Creek

3- Native Families
3- wheels
700- Kings
4- Tons dried chums

Camp between Whiskey Creek and Ruby

14- Native Families
13- wheels
900- Kings
13- Tons dried chums

Melozi Charles Knox

2 wheels
3 Native families
900 Kings
4 Tons dried chums

Ruby-Alex Brown

3- wheels
1500 Kings
9- Tons dried chums

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Ruby-Scotty Clark

2- Wheels
2,000 Kings
4- Tons dried chums

Ruby-Red Allen.

2- Wheels
400- Kings
4- Tons dried chums

Allens to Kokrines

12- Native Families
12- Wheels
400- Kings
8- Tons dried chums

Palasades - John Swenson

2- wheels
300- Kings
3- Tons dried chums

Griders

6- Native Families
6- Wheels
5- Tons dried chums

Robsons-

4- Native Families
5- Wheels
400- Kings
6- Tons dried chums

Old Station

5- Native Families
5- Wheels
300- Kings
6- Tons dried chums

Tanana

5- Native Families
3- Wheels
500 Kings
6- Tons

Tanana-Johnny Adams

1- Wheel
200- Kings
2- Tons dried chums

Tanana River-Tanana to Nenana

16 Native families
16 Wheels
18 Tons dried chums.

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TOTALS

Wheels

King Nets

Chum nets

Kings

Dried Chums

~~25~~
147

21

828

20,400

~~345~~ tons
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Nenana, September,
14, 1935

Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D.C.

Annual report of Salteries operating at the mouth of the Yukon River
1935.

There were two out-fits fishing for king salmon out side the mouth and one inside the stakes, Frank Kern and the Northern Commercial Company were located out side the stakes and St. Marys Mission was located about thirty miles up river from the stakes at the head of Sun-shine-bay, owing to the lateness of the ice moving away from the mouth of the river there were no activities until June, 11, even at that time the ice was within half a mile of Kerns nets and remained there for several days, at no time were there any runs like there has always been in former years, at least the fishermen did not catch them, it is my opinion as well as several other that the ice kept them off the mouth so long, that when they did come in they kept to the main channel and deep water missing all of the nets at the mouth, reports from up river as far as Ruby and down to Marshall confirm this, as the catches up there have been good in most places.

The catch for the two salteries was 4,860 all caught with gill nets out side the mouth, St. Marys Mission catch was 1,000 all caught in wheels inside the mouth, 595 of these were mild cured the rest were taken to the Mission and dried for food for the children.

All fishermen and fish house employees were natives and local residents. all fishing was done in Acharon Channel with gill nets, with the exception of Boat-No-6 which was located on Flat Island for twelve days

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this location has always been considered one of the best down here in former years, this year the total catch for twelve days was 197 kings, marked charts have been forwarded showing location of salteries and the location of the boats with their daily catch.

Chris. Lauredson did not do any fishing this season, it was his intention to put up a few tierces in Kwiguk Channel, but when he saw the catches Kern and the Northern Commercial Co., were having he gave up for this year.

The Alaska Reindeer Co., (owned by Waechter Bros., did not come in this season understand that their pack from last year was shipped to Germany and too late they have been unable to collect any money for it, their cold storage barge, tierces, salt and other equipment are stored in their barge in Andreafsky River. Statistical Report Blanks were mailed to the Golovin Bay Packing Company, Frank Kern, Northern Commercial Company and St. Marys Mission were handed to them with addressed envelopes with instructions to have them in the Seattle office as soon as the fishing season was over.

The combined pack of 130-tierces was taken to St. Michael and shipped to St. Michael on the S.S. Delwood.

It is impossible to give any definite information as to what these fish will bring in the Seattle market.

Respectfully.

/by/ C. T. Townsend

Inspector, Alaska Fisheries.

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Northern Commercial Co., Daily catch of King Salmon by boat for June, 1935.

	Boat 1	Boat 2	Boat 3	Boat 4	Boat 5
June 16	22	47	106	39	
June 17	170	106	72	53	
June 18	90	103	177	40	
June 19	45	58	69	70	
June 20	24	23	65	49	
June 21	22	15	40	51	
June 22	39	59	110	97	
June 23	1	4	20	36	
June 24	2	3	4	10	4
June 25	18	31	42	59	68
June 26	19	47	39	49	44
June 27	32	20	40	47	39
June 28	6	5	15	4	7
June 29	2	2	7	5	3
June 30	13	7	11	11	
TOTALS	475	530	819	620	165
					2,609
July 1		1	3		
July 2		2			
July 3					
TOTALS		3-	3-		6
					2,615

All caught with nets out side the mouth in Acharom Channel.

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Frank Maine daily catch of King Salmon by boat for June, 1935 - Acharon Channel.

	Boat 1	Boat 2	Boat 3	Boat 4	Boat 5	Boat 6
June 11	17	26	9	28	0	
June 12	7	56	33	156		
June 13	25	114	56	156	6	
June 14	19	94	40	155	97	
June 15	69	83	126	45	26	
June 16	9	45	8	26	78	
June 17	52	113	66	56	15	
June 18	13	90	33	103	50	
June 19	2	17	4	25	19	
June 20	8	22	15	59	10	
June 21	11	99	19	23	24	
June 22	24	104	41	33	28	
June 23	13	7	8	21	6	
June 24	10	50	2	1	3	
June 25	41	83	25	55	16	
June 26	51	73	56	45	53	
June 27	23	6	15	10	60	
June 28	11	4	13	6	7	5
June 29	7	5	0	2	1	5
June 30	8	1	2	6	2	13
Totals	404	1,089	559	1,084	520	23 = 3,269

July 1	6	8	3	8	7	5
July 2	0	1	8	0	7	3
July 3	16	11	8	19	59	14
July 4	17	13	13	14	9	18
July 5	7	13	5	17	3	31
July 6	13	17	24	17	17	6
July 7	8	6	16	18	27	46
July 8	3	0	2	6	2	10
July 9	4	8	12	9	2	30
Totals	67	73	70	99	153	174 = 616 4,245

All caught with nets outside the mouth in Acharon Channel.

(These figures are probably not 100% accurate because the carbon copy from which they were taken was so indistinct as to be almost illegible)

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Frank Kern - Kwikluak Mouth- Acharon Channel- 1935.

1		Wages.
12-	Fishermen.	\$5.00 per day.
1-	Transporter.	\$5.00 " "
6-	Slimers.	\$5.00 " "
1-	Splitter.	\$7.00 " "
1-	Salter & Foreman.	\$10.00 " "
1-	Header-	\$6.00 " "
70-	Fathoms net to each boat.	
72-	800 # Tierces mild cure kings.	Value unknown.
23-	400 # Pbls. Hard salt kings.	Value unknown.
4,245-	Kings all caught in gill nets. (Out side mouth of river)	
1-	Power pick-up boat- (Roosevelt)	
6-	Fishing skiffs.	

Northern Commercial Company - Kwikluak Mouth- Acharon Channel.

10-	Fishermen. .40¢ per fish. (Kings)	\$1,044.80
2-	Transporters.	\$ 5.00 per day.
10-	Slimers.	\$ 5.00 " "
1-	Splitter.	\$ 7.00 " "
1-	Header.	\$ 7.00 " "
1-	Salter.	\$ 7.50 " "
1-	Power pick up boat. (Reindeer)	
5-	Fishing skiffs.	
70-	Fathoms king net to each boat.	
49-	800 # Tierces mild cure kings.	Value unknown.
1-	400 # Bbl., Hard salt kings.	Value unknown.
2,615-	Kings all caught in gill nets outside mouth of river.	

St. Mary's Mission- Kwikluak Mouth- Head of Sun-shine-bay.

4-	wheels.
1-	Pick-up power boat.
5-	Natives in fish house
8-	Native girls in sliming shed.
9-	800 # Tierces of mild cure kings. (value unknown)
1,000-	Kings all caught in-side stakes. In wheels.
	Averaged 65- to the tierce.

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October, 17, 1935

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Seasons report of the Fisheries on the Kuskokwim River for
1935- by Charles Mc.Gonagall, Stream Guard.

There were two out-fits fishing for export on the Kuskokwim River this season, the Sether Davis, Fishing Company and Robert Cherkie. Sether Davis came from Seattle with the U.S. Anvil and located just outside the stakes at the mouth of the Kuskokwim River, their entire pack consisted of 257-400 # Bbls of hard salt kings and 3- 400# Bbls. of hard salt reds - the entire crew with the exception of two natives came from Seattle, the natives were employed in the sliming room, their packing was all done aboard the U.S. Anvil.

Robert Cherkie fished about three miles below Bethel, his pack was 12-800 # tierces hard salt kings, part of his fish were bought from native fishermen, Mr. Cherkie and one native did all the work around the fish house, the pack was shipped to Seattle on the S.S. Tupper.

During July a trip was made up the River as far as Crooked Creek, nearly all the natives had their catch in their smoke houses and their wheels put away, prices being paid for dried fish was 11¢ per # with every one well supplied for the winter.

The attached sheets show the catch by village and gear used, as in former years the gasoline launch Marie S. was chartered for patrol duty.

Respectfully,

/by/ Charles McGonagall, Stream Guard.

/by/ C. F. Townsend.
Inspector, Alaska Fisheries

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Catch of salmon for the season of 1935 - Waskokwim River.

	Fathoms king nets	Fathoms chum nets	Wheels	Families	Dried tons chums	Kings
Popokamute	560	150		14	15	1,400
Pokok	550	50		15	17	1,500
Apokok	360	80		16	10	1,000
Helmik Point	150	60		10	14	600
Bek	400	100		25	27	1,000
Okerbrook	50			2	3	150
Nopogiak	250	100		18	29	1,500
Napaskiak	200	90		16	19	1,100
Lomavik	200	50		8	9	300
Bethel	800	200		40	45	2,500
Quithlook	450	150		36	35	2,000
Akikchok	300	150		26	25	1,500
Nkriak	350	150		26	25	1,400
Bogan Creek	120	80		6	5	250
Tolikeek	250	100		18	16	180
Karlskag	100		9	12	10	1,000
Chagamute	30		3	2	3	100
Crow Village			3	4	4	100
Anniak			10	15	14	1,300
Napiamute	150		7	12	11	500
Russian M.			2	2	2	150
Horn Village			6	6	5	300
Crooked Creek			7	12	11	600
D. Parent	50	50	3		6	300
Totals	5,260	1,560		50	341	22,930 20,730

Commercial fishing for export.

	Fathoms king nets.	Hard salt kings.	Hard salt reds.	Kings
Davis Fishing Company.	630	257- 400# Bbls.	3- 400# Bbls.	6,498
Robert Cherkie.	60	12- 800# tierces.		350
" "		Bought from natives		370

Total - 7,218

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Bether Davis Fishing Company - Kuskokwim River, 1935.

	Kings	Beds	Chums
June 5	98		2
June 6	356		2
June 7	112		1
June 8	59		3
June 9			
June 10	123	5	2
June 11	231	21	10
June 12	189	8	5
June 13	898	37	10
June 14	924		8
June 15	290	5	3
June 16			
June 17	186	2	
June 18	682	24	8
June 19	332	17	11
June 20	462	16	6
June 21	515	12	15
June 22	115		
June 23			
June 24	325	8	10
June 25	87	5	6
June 26	103	4	4
June 27	186	25	14
June 28	98	3	9
June 29	127	5	2
	6,498	197	129

Bether Davis Fishing Company - Kuskokwim River, 1935

- 1- Foreman
- 8- Fishermen
- 1- Salter
- 1- Cooper
- 1- Transporter
- 4- Slimers
- 2- Native slimers
- 1- Cook

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