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Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D.C.

Seasons report for 1932 - Yukon and Tanana Rivers

The Coot was launched from the Government wharves at Nenana on May, 8th. left Nenana for the mouth of the Yukon River on May, 18th. Ragner Dahl was employed as stream guard for the Yukon River. Charles Mc.Gonagall went to the Kuskokwim where he did patrol duty with the Launch Marie S. during the season, returning to the Yukon on August, 22nd. while coming across the Portage he had the misfortune to break a shaft on his out-board motor, making it necessary to row nearly the whole distance. Mc.Gonagall returned from head of Portage Slough to Nenana on the Launch Coot. Dahl returned to Seattle from Nenana. The Coot was pulled out of the water at Nenana on September, 30th. and put in winter quarters.

The first kings were caught at Bugomavik Slough on May, 29th. a good run was on from June, 3rd. to June, 6th. when it slacked off until June, 9th. from then until July, 10th. the run was continuous.

✓ The Chum run started early in June and was without exception the best ever known on the Yukon, the catches were double of last season, traders were buying very few dried fish on account of there being no market for them, which will mean the Natives will be well supplied with dog feed and food for themselves this winter.

Conditions among the Natives this spring was the worst I have ever seen on the lower Yukon, last December there were two extremely high tides (called by some tidal waves) which covered nearly all the tundra from Point Romanoff to Cape Newenham, Natives lost most of their winters supply of fish and in many instances lost their kayaks and sailboats, then to add to their misfortunes the catch of all kings

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of fur, except mink was next to nothing, the prices paid for mink ranged from \$2.00 to \$3.00 flour is selling for \$7.00 per hundred on the lower Yukon and as high as \$9.00 and \$10.00 out on the Tundra, sugar sells at \$14.00 per hundred at the mouth of the Yukon and as high as \$16.00 per hundred on the Tundra.

The open season of fifteen days for commercial fishing gave quite a few Natives employment and I noticed that most of their earnings were spent for flour and tea, which most of them had been without during the winter.

Frank Kern and Chris. Lauredson were the only ones that put up fish for the outside market.

Kern as in former years dug a hole in the Tundra last fall and let it fill with water, which froze solid during the winter, this spring he roofed it over with logs and then covered with moss, as soon as a tierce was filled it was felled into the dug-out and left until the season closed, on June, 15th. the bottom of the hole was covered with ice, which made an ideal cold storage, Kerns pack was 76- 800 $\frac{1}{2}$ tierces of mild cure kinds which were shipped to Seattle on the S.S. Victoria the later part of June, he employed all Native help with the exception of one white man, all fish were caught in gill nets, four boats with two men to the boat, one boat was located on Flat Island in the Kwikluak Chanell and three in the Acharon Chanell, all small fish were given to Natives camped around the Saltery, they also took most of the heads and backbones from the kings, fishing started on June 1st, and closed on June 30th. at 6-P.M. Total catch of kings 4,412

Chris. Lauredson was located at Chris's Point in the Acharon Chanell, he built a small lean-to for his cold storage which was covered with moss. His pack was 7- 800 $\frac{1}{2}$ tierces of mild cure kings, 6- tierces were shipped to Seattle, the other tierce he kept and mild smoked for the local market, Lauredson did not employ any help. Total catch 327 Kings.

Respectfully,

/s/ Calvin E. Townsend
Tombstone, Alaska 3-22-32

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Catch of Salmon on the Yukon and Tanana Rivers - 1932

Erigluk Mouth.

Frank Kern - Plant located in Erigluk Slough.

3- Wheels.
60- Fath. Chum Nets.
2- Dories.
1- Launch.
8- Men.
3,000 Kings.
5- Tons dried chums.
30- Cases Smoked kings. 1- ϕ
130 " Kings. " "
15- " Kings, smoked and sliced.
3,820 ϕ King bellies.
1,815 ϕ Chum bellies.

Pete Jorgensen - Erigluk Slough.

1- Wheel.
20- Fath. Chum nets.
300- Kings.
6- Tons dried chums.

Andy Olsen - Erigluk Slough.

1- Wheel.
50- Fath. Chum nets.
300- Kings.
10- Tons. Dried chums.
3- Men.
2- Boats.

M.L. McIngron - Sun-shine Bay.

50-Fath. King nets.
50- " Chum nets.
800- Kings.
7- Tons. Dried chums.
1,000 ϕ Salted bellies - Kings.
6- Cases Smoked kings - 1- ϕ cans.
16- " Smoked kings - 1/2 ϕ cans.

Aboularak Mission - Head of Sunshine Bay.

3- Wheels.
5,500 Kings.
8- Tons. Dried chums.

Natives in Erigluk and Erigluk mouths.

20- Families.
85- Fath. Chum nets.
4- Wheels.
70-Fath. King nets.
40- Tons dried chums.
900- Kings.

John Johansen - Apreha Pass.

8- Fath. King nets.
Fath. Chum nets.
Kings.

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Johnny Prince - Apreka Pass.

1- Wheel.
200- Kings.
4- Tons. Dried Chums.

Bill Meeres - Apoon Mouth.

5- Native families.
25- Fath. Chum nets.
8- Tons. Dried chums.

Old Hamilton - Apoon mouth.

7- Native families.
35- Fath. Chum nets.
8- Tons. Dried chums.

Kawanik Mouth.

6- Native families.
40- Fath. Chum nets.
20- Fath. King nets.
500- Kings.
7- Tons. Dried chums.

Keechnucks.

50 Native families.
3- Wheels.
40- Fath. Chum Nets.
40- Fath. King nets.
800- Kings.
7- Tons. Dried chums.

Mountain Village.

16- Native families.
11- Wheels.
40- Fath. Chum nets.
300- Kings.
22- Tons. Dried chums.

Pitka Point - Mouth of Andreafsky River.

50 Native families.
30- Fath. Chum nets.
300- Kings.
12- Tons Dried chums.

Pilot Station.

9- Native families.
3- Wheels.
60- Fath. Chum nets.
600- Kings.
13- Tons, Dried chums.

Marshall.

2- Native families.
4- Wheels.
60- Fath. Chum nets.
600- Kings.
13- Tons. Dried chums.

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Inhagawats.

7- Native families.
2- Wheels.
60- Fath. Chum nets.
500- Kings.
11- Tons. Dried chums.

Okagawats.

8- Native families.
3- Wheels.
50- Fath. Chum nets.
700- Kings.
13- Tons. Dried chums.

Russian Mission.

7- Native families.
45- Fath. Chum nets.
900- Kings.
13- Tons. Dried chums.

Pianuts.

13- Native families.
12- Wheels.
30- Fath. Chum nets.
1,500 Kings.
15- Tons. Dried chums.

Holy Cross.

12- Native families.
5- Wheels.
100- Fath. Chum nets.
500- Kings.
22- Tons - Dried Chums.

James Walker - Holy Cross.

1- Wheel.
10- Tons. Dried chums.

Bonasella.

6- Native families.
90 Wheels.
20- Fath. Chum nets.
35- Tons. Dried chums.

Anvik.

15- Native families.
13- Wheels.
30- Fath. Chum nets.
200- Kings.
40- Tons Dried chums.

8-Mile Island

6- Native families.
5- Wheels.
30- Fath. Chum nets.
600- Kings.
17- Tons. Dried chums.

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

Halls Rapids.
9- Native families.
8- Wheels.
7 1/2 Tons. Dried chums.

William Thurman, Blackburn
1- Wheel.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Jimmy Woods.
1- Wheel.
3- Tons. Dried chums.

Kaltag.
20- Native families.
19- Wheels.
40- Path. Chum nets.
30- Tons. Dried chums.

Half Way.
8- Native families.
8- Wheels.
700- Kings.
14- Tons. Dried chums.

Mulate.
17- Native families.
17- Wheels.
800- Kings.
40- Tons. Dried chums.

Kryukuk.
16- Native families
16- Wheels.
900- Kings.
15- Tons. Dried chums.

Bishop Mountain.
3- Native Families.
3- Wheels.
400- Kings.
60 Tons Dried chums.

Merry Widow Bend.
2- Native Families.
2- Wheels.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

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

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Whiskey Creek.

2- Wheels.
300- Kings.
3- Tons Dried chums.

Camps between Whiskey Creek and Ruby.
16- Native families.
16- Wheels.
1,100 Kings.
50- Tons. Dried chums.

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

Andy Mc. Donald, Ruby.
2- Wheels.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Alex Brown, Ruby.
4- Wheels.
25- Tons. Dried Chums.

Ruby to Kafirine.
7- Native families.
5- Wheels.
19- Tons. Dried chums.

John Swanson, Palasodas.
2- Wheels.
6- Tons. Dried chums.

Griders.
5- Native families.
5- Wheels.
12- Tons. Dried chums.

Robsons.
4- Wheels.
800- Kings.
13- Tons. Dried chums.

Old Sattion.
5- Native families
3- Wheels.
7- Tons. Dried chums.

Tanans.
5- Native families.
5- Wheels.
400- Kings.
10- Tons. Dried chums.

August Tappin.
30- Tons Dried chums.

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Tanana to Hanana, on Tanana River.

- 17- Native families.
- 15- Wheels.
- 25- Tons. Dried chums.

Totals,

Wheels.	King nets.	Dog nets.	Kings.	Dried chums.	Silvers.
232	188-Fath.	1,008-Fath.	23,160	710-Tons	
666					

Total catch of Kings that were exported to Seattle.

Frank Kern- Saltery located on Kwiklokehun Island.
Kings.
4,412

Chris. Lauredson - Saltery located at Chris's Point.
Kings.
327

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