

# Yukon River Fisheries

## Overview and Status



Yukon River Drainage  
Fisheries Association

# Who are we

Protect and promote all wild fisheries and traditional cultures within the Yukon River Drainage.



**YRDFA  
Delegation**



**Staff**



**Who we Serve**



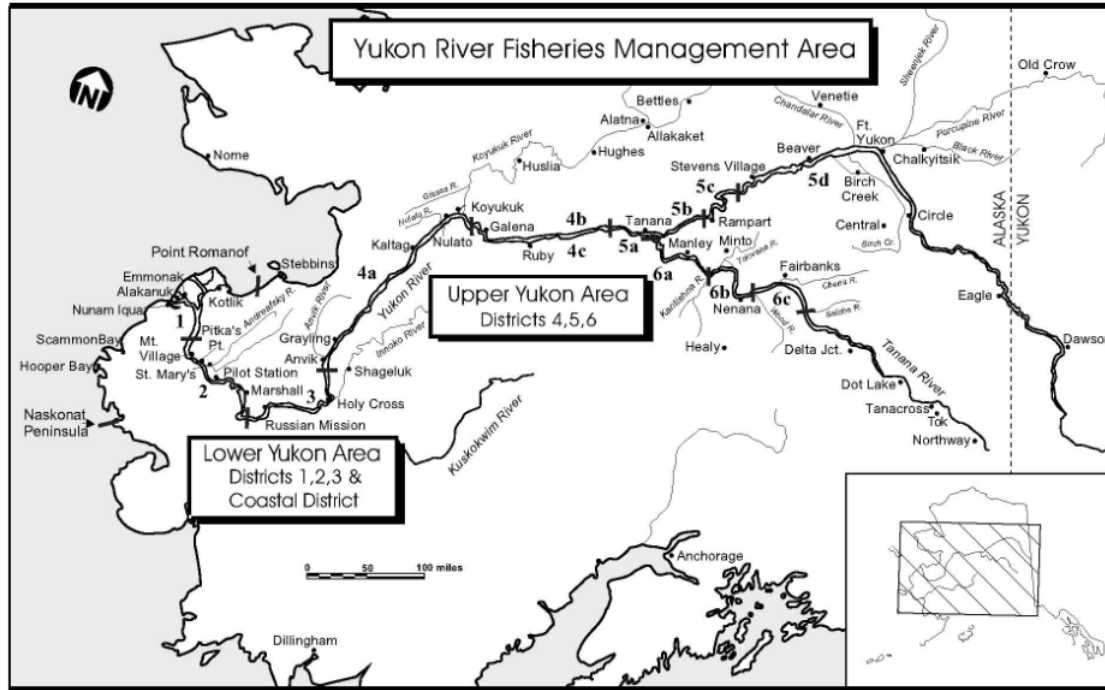
**Strategic Plan**

# Yukon River Drainage



## Who we serve

- 330,000 Square Miles
- 56 Alaskan Communities
- 50 Alaska Tribes
- 14 First Nations
- Yukon River Processors
- Sport Fisherman



## YRDFA BOARD

16 Board of Directors

16 Alternates

2 Canadian Representatives

2 Young Fishers

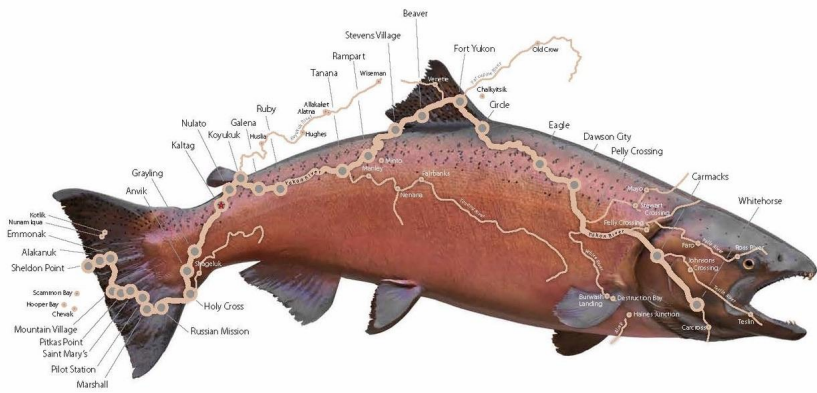


## Staff

Executive Director	Serena Alstrom
Finance Manager	Erik West
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Culture Coordinator	Rachael Kangas
Training Coordinator	Nicole Farnham
Project Coordinator	Jamie Van Lanen
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Biological Technician	Matthew Lorstorfer
TEK Technician	Vacant
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# YRDFSA Strategic Plan

- Reduce river-wide conflict and coordinate a river-wide approach to fishers' and Tribes' involvement in sustainable fisheries management
- Reduce threats to Yukon River salmon and their habitat throughout their lifecycle
- Preserve the subsistence way of life and traditional/subsistence cultures of the Yukon River
- Educate and provide accurate information to all Yukon River residents about salmon biology, management on the Yukon River, the Yukon River Salmon Agreement, and issues affecting Yukon River Salmon and their habitat.



# Why the Yukon River Matters



# Salmon Culture

The culture surrounding salmon is profoundly important to communities along the Yukon River, forming a cornerstone of their existence. This significance is deeply rooted in the intertwined aspects of subsistence, cultural identity, and the local economy.



## Connection

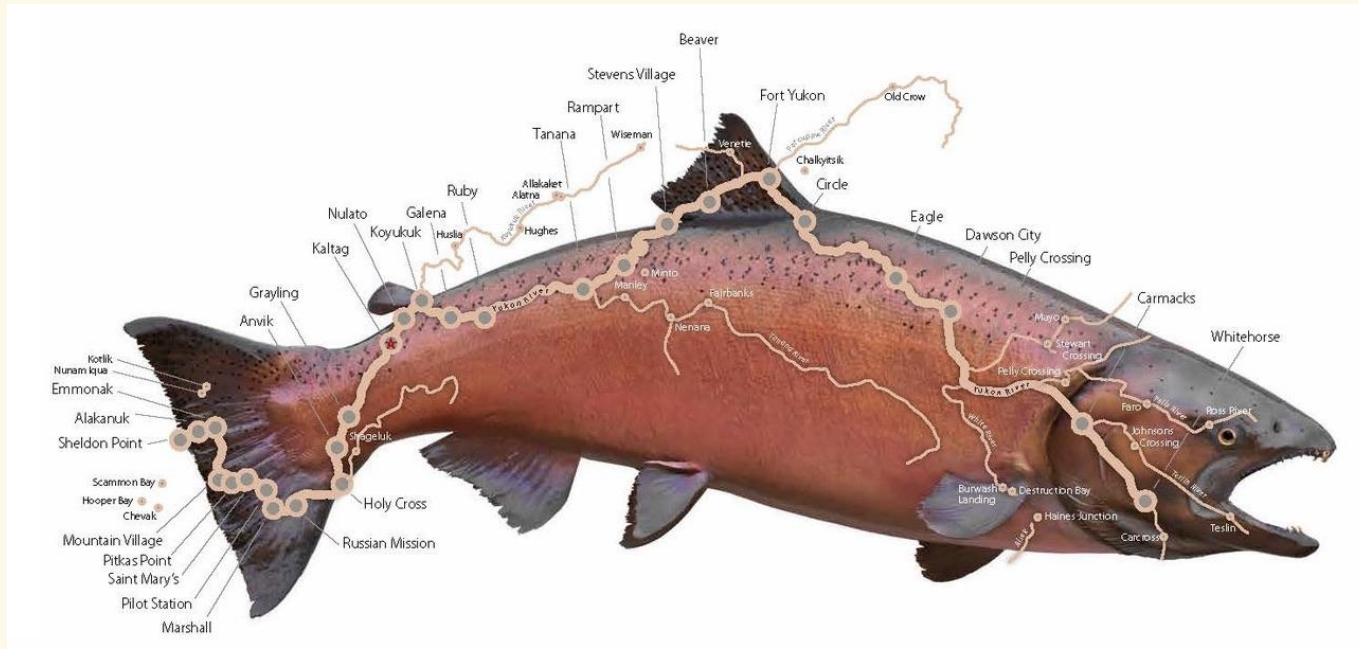
Our connection to the salmon is a foundational element of our community's identity and livelihood.

## Voices

We are committed to actively listening to and addressing the multifaceted concerns voiced by the people regarding the health, management, and sustainability of salmon populations.

## Taking Action

We view the people's worries not as simple complaints, but as critical indicators of ecosystem health and urgent calls to action that guide our strategic planning and resource allocation.



## Communication & Management

YRDFA serves as a critical communication bridge bringing together all Yukon River stakeholders.



## Traditional Knowledge

We integrate Traditional Knowledge into research and management of Yukon River Salmon.



## Applied Research

Our research helps to inform management decisions and enable sustainable fisheries.



## Future Projects

We have several new projects on the horizon. One in particular is the development of a novel, drone-based salmon monitoring program.





# Questions?

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