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Ms. Elizabeth MacDonald
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Dear Ms. MacDonald:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 28, 2025, which provides the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee's recommendation regarding the management and allocation of Yukon and Porcupine River salmon for the 2025 season.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee's ongoing efforts to advocate for the need to conserve, protect and rebuild Yukon and Porcupine River salmon populations.

Recognizing the persistent low abundance of Yukon and Porcupine River salmon stocks, and pursuant to Section 16.8.1 of the Yukon First Nation Final Agreements, I accept the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee's recommendation to remove allocation of Yukon and Porcupine River Chinook and chum salmon to fisheries for the 2025 fishing season on the basis of conservation (consistent with Section 16.10.1 of the Yukon First Nations Final Agreements).

Consistent with the Canada - Alaska Agreement Regarding Canadian-Origin Yukon River Chinook Salmon (2024 -2030), in years when the projected Canadian-origin Chinook salmon run size across the international border does not exceed 71,000 subsistence fisheries in both Canada and Alaska will not be permitted.

I would like to conclude by reaffirming my commitment and the Department's commitment to the protection, conservation, and restoration of Yukon River salmon stocks. Thank you once again for your recommendation. I look forward to meeting with you during my upcoming travel to the Yukon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Thompson'.

The Honourable Joanne Thompson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries