

**Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group**  
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**June 28th, 2023**

On Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the KRSMWG meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:22 p.m. Meeting time was approximately 2 hours and 22 minutes. A quorum was established with 11 full voting members in attendance. Alissa Rogers chaired the meeting. The beginning part of the meeting was not captured by our recording devices. The audio begins while USFWS and KRITFC are providing their update.

**AGENDA ITEMS AND SUMMARY INFORMATION:**

**A. USFWS/KRITFC UPDATE: *Audio for this update begins at 00:00 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23***

- Laurie Boeck gave a brief report. Ms. Boeck stated that there was a setnet opener announced beginning Friday, June 30 and ending at 9 a.m. July 1<sup>st</sup>. Setnets can be up to 75 feet and 45 meshes deep with less than 6-inch mesh. Two flights were flown during the 12-hour opener of June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Boat and setnet counts can be found on page 7 of the Informational package. USFWS and KRITFC are discussing strategies to target sockeye, while conserving other fish. Ms. Boeck added that the Kwethluk weir is not yet fish tight due to high water.
- Alissa Rogers questioned the management strategy that has been used so far and felt there was not enough concern for the salmon. Laurie Boeck and Jim Simon assured her that USFWS and KRITFC were concerned about the King and chum runs and that the upcoming openings were meant to target sockeye. Kevin Whitworth compares fishing opportunities with those announced the previous year and points out the similar amounts of time that people will be able to fish this year. Mr. Whitworth also reasoned that fishing is open in the Kuskokwim Bay and in Area M. He said that he knows one family that fished downriver of Bethel and caught 10 in one hour with dip nets. *Audio for this update begins at 00:00 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
- Adolph Lupie added that he has observed salmon jumping at the mouth of the river and thinks that people will do well with a 6-inch mesh setnet. Mr. Lupie said that people do not need to cut their net to make it the proper length and can put the excess net on the bank instead. *Audio for this update begins at 4:35 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
- Alissa Rogers asked what the current allowable for alternative gear. Nick Smith answered that in Sections 4 and 5 upriver of Aniak 60-foot setnets with 6-inch or less mesh is allowable gear. Subsistence users may keep all species except chum with alternative gear types. Kings and chums are both required to be released within the Aniak box. Mr. Smith defers to US Fish and Wildlife staff to speak on allowable gear types for the lower Kuskokwim River. Chris Tulik answered that dipnet, rod and reel, fish wheel, and beach seine can be used in the mainstem of the river during the closure. Non-federally qualified users must release Chinook, chum, and coho salmon. Federally qualified users may keep all salmon. *Audio for this update begins at 8:30 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
- Later in the meeting Justin Leon, KRITFC, shared that the Takotna weir is waiting on materials but plans to be operational by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. *Audio for this update begins at 1:58:40 – Meeting Audio*

**B. ADF&G MANAGEMENT ACTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION *Audio for this update begins at 15:45 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23***

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- Nick Smith had no new management actions to consider since fishing is open in sections 4 and 5.
  - Dan Esai, Nikolai, asked if Salmon River/Pitka Fork weir operating yet. Sean Larson, ADFG, answered that the crew was currently working on getting the weir fish tight. Mr. Larson said he would have an update the following week. Mr. Esai said that no one in Nikolai has been fishing because of gas costs and conservation but McGrath has been catching some fish and that family had shared what they caught with him.

## B. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

- There were no people to be heard at this meeting.

## C. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Subsistence Reports: Lower River, Middle River, Upper River, ONC In-season Subsistence Report
  - Lower River
    - Charlie Brown, Eek, said that fishing had been slowing down. People are still fishing the Pailleq River for whitefish. He said down at the mouth of the Kuskokwim it looks like sockeye and chum salmon are at their peak. *Audio for this update begins at 18:50 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
    - Adolph Lupie, Tuntutuliak, said that he is told that people are doing better than last year. Mr. Lupie said that some from Tuntutuliak go to Quinhagak to fish because they prefer to driftnet. He was asked to tell the Working Group and managers that they want to fish all of the Kuskokwim River. Some people, including himself, built fires and shelters to dry their fish and protect them from the rain. He added that 75-foot setnets allow fish to pass by. *Audio for this update begins at 20:30 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
    - Albert Kawagley, Bethel, said that he fished late Friday with a friend the previous Friday and caught fish for dinner. The rest they gave away. He said in 3 drifts he caught 1 King, 1 chum, and 3 red salmon. His friend said that he had gotten quite a few earlier in the day. *Audio for this update begins at 24:40 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
      - Mr. Kawagley said he had fished on Saturday. *Audio for this update begins at 28:55 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
    - Henry Hunter, Bethel, said that he saw lots of boats during the last opener. Talking to fisherman he heard that fishermen did well early on and saw some Kings and chums, although the majority were reds. Mr. Hunter said he fished 2 drifts and caught 11 fish. He said most fish camps are smoking fish from past openers though some still have not been able to catch what they need because there were too many boats out and they want another set or driftnet opportunity soon. *Audio for this update begins at 26:00 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23.*
    - Alissa Rogers, Bethel, said that her family just started fishing and have done fairly well. She said that her family does not target Chinook because they believe in conservation. Ms. Rogers said that this is the first time in 4 years that

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her family has put up strips. She said people she had talked to also would like some more driftnet opportunities since the sockeye are now in the river. She agreed that quite a few have not been able to go fishing for different reasons. Some people said there was too many boats, and others have not been able to harvest because they are following traditional practices after losing family members. *Audio for this update begins at 30:30 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*

- ONC In-season Report
  - *Audio for this update begins at 33:15 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
  - Jessica Reynolds introduced herself as the new Partners Biologist for ONC and told the group about her background and thanked everyone for the warm welcome.
  - Ms. Reynolds said that ONC had started asking people if they had met their subsistence goals during fish camp surveys. 10-15 of those surveyed said they had met their goals, many said they were about halfway to meeting their goals, and 1 family said they had not, that they were unhappy with management and that they would like to catch significantly more fish.
  - As of June 25, 2023, 192 surveys were conducted during the last opener. Sixty-one fish camps were visited on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and another 39 were visited on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Many camps were drying fish, and some had started to smoke fish. Some comments that came from fish camp surveys were that there are some who are still struggling, some are waiting for the sockeye run to fish, some felt that the rules were unfair and mentioned that the river is open upriver.
  - Boat harbor surveys were conducted during the last opener. ONC staff observed that there was much less traffic than the prior opener. Not many people made comments at the boat harbor. People said that they were catching more reds and chums than King salmon.
  - ONC delivered fish to over 100 Bethel families this summer. ONC is looking into delivering fish to other villages, especially the tundra villages of Atmoutluak, Nunapitchuk and Kasigluk.
    - Henry Hunter asked what the average distribution for each family. Alissa Rogers answered that at minimum each family receives 1 King and a maximum of 10 reds and chum salmon. No family receives more than 10 per year. ONC also distributes fish to other villages. All fish that are distributed by ONC come from Bethel Test Fish. *Audio for this update begins at 42:00 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
  - John Andrew, Kwethluk, said that he was not able to fish the last opener because he was traveling. One family he spoke to said that they had fished early in the morning using a 6-inch mesh net. They caught a mix of regular-sized and jack King salmon, some reds and 1 or 2 chums. He reported that fishing was slower in the afternoon. Some people in Kwethluk have not started fishing

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because of recent flooding. Their fish camps are drying. Some families have no gear and wait for deliveries from sonar, but they do not deliver many. There are often many people waiting for only a few fish. At least three families are waiting on parts to repair their boat motors. Gas prices have also been high, making it hard for some to get out. A couple families with fish camps a little above Kwethluk have had issues with bears stealing from the fish racks. Mr. Andrew said that most people were good, but there are a few exceptions. *Audio for this update begins at 44:20 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*

- James Nicori, Kwethluk, said that the 1<sup>st</sup> opener of the season very few fish were caught. The 2<sup>nd</sup> opener did better because the tide was coming in before the opener ended. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> opener Mr. Nicori said they were fishing on the low tide and that they did not do as well as the surrounding villages. He said many people have not met their needs for winter. He continued that some are refusing to put out their net because someone with a boat that locals do not recognize has been checking others' nets. Mr. Nicori said that many young people are concerned that we are conserving so that larger commercial and intercept fisheries can catch more fish. Mr. Nicori finished by saying that he has not caught what is needed yet because they fish for 6 families. *Audio for this update begins at 48:40 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
- Mike Williams, Akiak, began by saying he is grateful for the fish that they have seen so far. Mr. Williams speaks about the difficulties people of the Yukon, Kuskokwim, and Arctic have faced with restrictions over the last 8-10 years. He also speaks about bycatch and intercept from other areas. Mr. Williams said that this year has been better for fish in Akiak and Tuluksak area. They have seen more chum and a lot of red salmon this year. Setnet opportunities allow us to target red salmon while there is still an ongoing conservation effort. During the last opener, Mr. Williams said that most people fished till noon. After 3 p.m. he said he did not see any boats still fishing. He said everyone caught what they needed in the morning. Those that were out later were fishing for those who do not have motors or were unable to fish. He said everyone is working together the best they can and trying to make sure everyone has what they need. He hopes the practice will continue. *Audio for this update begins at 53:25 – Meeting Audio*
- Middle River
  - Walter Morgan, Lower Kalskag, said that he did 4 drifts during the opener on June 17<sup>th</sup> and has finished fishing for the year. He said that he has seen an increase in chums and caught 15 chums and 4 red salmon. Mr. Morgan said that he does notice a decline during openers downriver. He said that others have complained to him about boats coming upriver to fish, since the Kalskag area is no longer closed. Mr. Morgan asks that people not travel to the Kalskag area to

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fish since it puts extra pressure on the locals. *Audio for this update begins at 57:45 – Meeting Audio*

- Lamont Albertson, Aniak, said that he had nothing to report. *Audio for this update begins at 1:01:20 – Meeting Audio*
- Allen Simeon, Aniak, reports that he has seen a significant increase in all salmon species when setting a net on the North side of his camp. He pulled in his net the previous Saturday because he had caught enough fish. Mr. Simeon said that he caught many red salmon and gave them all away. When speaking to locals, Mr. Simeon said that he heard people were catching the same number of reds as they were chums. He said his elders told him that when the weather is wet because of rain there are good fish numbers. Mr. Simeon said he could see a drop in the number of fish when there was a subsistence opportunity downriver. He reported that 2023 is the first year in the last 10 that he and his family have caught big King salmon and one he caught was over 50 lbs. He said that people catch jack salmon when they driftnet. Mr. Simeon said that during the last opener they saw barges and it made it hard to fish and to pull the net and wondered if USFWS could hold barge traffic off when there are driftnet openings. *Audio for this update begins at 1:01:30 – Meeting Audio*
  - Alissa Rogers asks the group if they want to write a letter to barge companies requesting them to hold travel during subsistence fishing openers. *Audio for this update begins at 1:06:45 – Meeting Audio*
  - Lamont Albertson asks if we can add it to the next week's agenda under new business.
- Audrey Leary, NVN, reported that fishing had started slow but they had reached their quota of Chinook. The fish wheel had caught 7 fish total; 1 King, 1 chum and 5 reds. Ms. Leary said that they would be driftnetting to target sockeye and any Kings that were caught would be released or shared with the elder across the river. Ms. Leary said that the elder had a setnet out but was only catching 1-2 fish per day. *Audio for this update begins at 1:09:20 – Meeting Audio*
- Kevin Whitman, McGrath, said that fishing had started out good when the King salmon first arrived. Since then, there has been high water and logs, with half an inch of rain in McGrath and up to an inch in the Alaska Range. Mr. Whitworth said that fishing has been slow recently. *Audio for this update begins at 1:10:50 – Meeting Audio*
- Dan Esai, Nikolai, said that there has not been any fishing in Nikolai and that people were trying to conserve the fish. Mr. Esai said that gas cost too much. He said that he was happy for the rain since there had been a drought for the last 4 years and he thought the rain would be good for the berries. He said people there were concentrating on berries, but he wondered what they would do for protein. He is hoping the village can take a moose. Mr. Esai said that fish usually

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arrive at Salmon River Pitka Fork by June 28<sup>th</sup> and was a little concerned. He reminisced about how the fish used to be in the headwaters and spoke about the decline. *Audio for this update begins at 1:14:20 – Meeting Audio*

- Alissa Rogers asked if the village of Nikolai had purchased a freezer that could be sent by barge with fish in it. Mr. Esai answered that the tribe acted too late, and the barge had already made it half-way to McGrath, but they would be looking into it for next year. *Audio for this update begins at 1:18:50 – Meeting Audio*
- Overview of the Kuskokwim River salmon run assessment
  - *Audio for this update begins at 1:21:50 – Meeting Audio*
  - Sean Larson gives a summary of the 2023 salmon run so far. Some highlights include:
    - Just over 26,000 King salmon have passed through sonar. Cumulative CPUE at Bethel Test Fish is 190 for Chinook, which is smaller than last year.
    - About 5,000 chum have passed sonar and are doing better this year than last, but still low when compared to historical numbers.
    - About 75,000 sockeye have been counted past sonar and the run is higher than the last few years.
  - Mr. Larson answered some questions regarding run timing from the Working Group. He believes we are at about the midpoint of the run for the lower river. Alissa Rogers pointed out that the King run is tracking closely with the data from 2013 and asked if there was fish that went missing between Bethel and George River. *Audio for this update begins at 1:26:40 – Meeting Audio*
  - Charlie Brown spoke about how the weather influences the salmon and how and where they move in the river. Mr. Brown suggested having multiple boats to test the run. Mr. Larson agreed that the fish are influenced by the weather and that Bethel Test Fish had a way to account for those circumstances. He stressed that it is important to stay consistent to achieve comparisons over time. Nick Smith added that BTF fishes both sides of the river and the middle to account for the changing migration paths of the fish. *Audio for this update begins at 1:32:55 – Meeting Audio*
  - Bobette Dickerson stated that the Salmon River Pitka Fork weir is fish tight as of June 26, 2023. They have seen 1 chum and no King salmon so far. Sean Larson added that a crew was working on getting the Kogrukluq weir fish tight.
  - NVN Report
    - *Audio for this update begins at 1:42:35 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
    - Dan Gillikin reported that the Aniak Salmon River weir crew is headed up to get the weir fish tight and would begin operations on July 1<sup>st</sup> if the water level allowed. The Aniak Test Fishery CPUE on June 27<sup>th</sup> was 12.59

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for Chinook, making a cumulative CPUE of 257 which is the lowest since 2015. Chum salmon have come back with lower-than-average numbers, but there are more than the last few years. ATF has seen some sockeye. Mr. Gillikin states that numbers are low in sonar, BTF and ATF although harvest reports have been good. The crew and the net have been checked and everything seems to be fine. Mr. Gillikin says he has no concerns for the implementation of the fishery.

- Alissa Rogers asked about the condition of the chum in Aniak and Mr. Gillikin said that they were starting to blush.
- Subsistence Division Project Update
  - *Audio for this update begins at 1:46:40 – Meeting Audio*
  - Katie Haydn, ADFG, gave a brief report regarding Kuskokwim area subsistence division projects. Ms. Haydn began by thanking the Tundra villages for their kindness and generosity. The Lower Kuskokwim ethnography project would have 2 people coming out for interviews and mapping from July 9<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Haydn said that the subsistence calendars arrived late but were distributed to all P.O. Box holders in Bethel. This fall a crew will visit communities in September and October to finish up the tributaries project and for community reviews.
- Working Group KRITFC Representative Report
  - *Audio for this update begins at 1:49:10 – Meeting Audio*
  - Lamont Albertson said that at the last KRITFC meeting they looked over information and spoke about difficulties that the salmon and fishermen were faced with. Some things that were considered is the low chum and Chinook numbers and although the chum numbers are better than last year, they are lower than in past years. Sockeye numbers are rising. They listened to reports from Audrey Leary and Betty Magnuson. After long discussions they came to a compromise for a 24-hour setnet opportunity instead of a 48-hour opener.
  - Henry Hunter added that a driftnet opportunity was discussed, but low escapement numbers were concerning. KRITFC will wait and see before discussing more driftnet opportunities. *Audio for this update begins at 1:52:55 – Meeting Audio*
  - James Nicori added that Chinook counts in Aniak have been low. People in McGrath are getting fish this year. Mr. Nicori said he had heard from elders that salmon travel upriver depending on water level. In years that water levels are high the salmon travel to the headwaters, but they travel to the tributaries when the water levels are low. He believes this is the reason for the low salmon counts in the Aniak River this year. *Audio for this update begins at 1:54:50 – Meeting Audio*

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- Sport Fish:
  - *Audio for this update begins at 1:56:45 – Meeting Audio*
  - Lamont Albertson said that he had nothing to report except that the tributaries were still muddy.
- Intercept Fishery Report
  - *Audio for this update begins at 1:57:05 – Meeting Audio*
  - Information for this report can be found on page 23 of the Informational Packet.

## D. OLD BUSINESS:

- *Audio for this update begins at 2:00:20 – Meeting Audio*
- Recruitment for vacant positions has been postponed until the next meeting.

## E. NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business was addressed at this meeting.

## F. COMMENTS FROM WORKING GROUP MEMBERS:

- John Andrew, Kwethluk, said that it is difficult people to set nets by the Kwethluk “Y” as there are not very many eddies. He also has noticed a lack of respect for fishermen and set nets. Mr. Andrew said that people have pulled nets onto shore and set their own or even stolen other fishermen’s nets. He added that people without jobs do not have the boat or gear to fish, while people who do work do. Those who do have boats share their catch with their relatives. *Audio for this update begins at 12:55 – Meeting Audio – 6/28/23*
- Lamont Albertson, Aniak, asked if salmon were counted in Quinhagak and in the Kuskokwim Bay and how they are accounted for. Nick Smith, ADFG, said that salmon caught in the bay area are accounted for by post-season subsistence surveys. *Audio for this update begins at 1:57:40 – Meeting Audio*. Mr. Albertson later comments that KRITFC could make better decisions if fish were counted at the mouth of the river. *Audio for this update begins at 1:59:10 – Meeting Audio*

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.**

## WORKING GROUP MOTIONS:

### **Motion 1: Approve the agenda as amended.** *Passed (Unanimous)*

- *Audio for this update begins at 52:05 – Meeting Audio – 6/21/23*
- Motion made by Alissa Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Williams.
- A Working Group member joined into the meeting at approximately 10:45 a.m. establishing a quorum.

### **Motion 2: To extend the meeting for 20 minutes.** *Passed (Unanimous)*

- *Audio for this update begins at 1:40:55 – Meeting Audio*
- Motion made by Lamont Albertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Albert Kawagley.

### **Motion 3: Adjourn at p.m.** *Passed (Unanimous)*

- *Audio for this update begins at 2:01:05 – Meeting Audio*
- Motion made by Lamont Albertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Albert Kawagley

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## WORKING GROUP ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER SEAT:	NAME:
DOWNRIVER ELDER	John Andrew
UPRIVER ELDER	Allen Simeon
LOWER RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Mike Williams
MIDDLE RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Walter Morgan
UPRIVER SUBSISTENCE	Barbara Carlson
HEADWATERS SUBSISTENCE	Daniel Esai
MEMBER AT LARGE SEAT 1	Fritz Charles
MEMBER AT LARGE SEAT 2	<i>Vacant</i>
WESTERN INTERIOR RAC	Kevin Whitworth
YK DELTA RAC	Alissa Rogers
COMMERCIAL FISHING	Charlie Brown
SPORT FISHING	LaMont Albertson
ADF&G	Nick Smith
CHAIR	Fritz Charles
<u>ADF&amp;G Comm. Fish:</u> Nick Smith, Sean Larson, Dave Runfola, Charles Brazil, Iris Fletcher <u>Sport Fish Division:</u> John Chythlook, <u>Subsistence Division:</u> Tim Bembenic, Kelsey Sisk <u>Commissioner's Office:</u>	
<u>USFWS:</u> Boyd Blihovde, Aaron Moses, Christian Alexie Jr., Chris Tulik, Laurie Boeck, <u>OSM:</u> Brooke McDavid, Nissa Pilcher <u>NVN:</u> Cameron ? <u>ONC:</u> Alissa Rogers, Orrie Reich, Canaar Charlie, Nia Long, Delen Hooper, Briana Henry, Elenor Whitney <u>AVCP:</u> Jennifer Hooper <u>KRITFC:</u> Terese Schomogyi, Avery Hoffman, Henry Hunter Sr., Avery Hoffman <u>UAF:</u> <u>WIRAC:</u> Kevin Whitworth <u>YK Delta RAC:</u> Alissa Rogers	
<u>WG Alternates: (not already listed above)</u> Alissa Rogers (YK Delta RAC), Albert Kawagley (1 <sup>st</sup> Member at Large)	<u>Media:</u>

## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (**ADF&G**), Orutsararmiut Native Council (**ONC**), Association of Village Council Presidents (**AVCP**), Georgetown Traditional Council (**GTC**), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (**USFWS**), Bethel Test Fishery project (**BTF**), Catch Per Unit Effort (**CPUE**), Coastal Village Seafoods (**CVS**), ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Division (**CF**), ADF&G Sport Fisheries Division (**SF**), ADF&G Subsistence Division (**SD**), Regional Advisory Council (**RAC**), Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group (**KRSMWG**, **Working Group**, or **WG**), Sustainable Escapement Goal (**SEG**), Biological Escapement Goal (**BEG**), Management Objective (**MO**), Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence (**ANS**), Emergency Order (**EO**), Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (**BSFA**), Law Enforcement (**LE**), Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (**KRITFC**),

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