

Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

AGENDA

Date: 3/30/12 Time: 9:00 AM Meeting Place: ADF&G Rabbit Creek Rifle Range, Anchorage

CALL TO ORDER: _____

	Chairperson		Time
ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:		QUORUM MET? Yes / No	
Upriver Elder:		Processor:	
Downriver Elder:		Member at Large:	
Commercial Fisher:		Sport Fisher:	
Lower River Subsistence:		Western Interior RAC:	
Middle River Subsistence:		Y-K Delta RAC:	
Upper River Subsistence:		ADF&G:	
Headwaters Subsistence:			

INTRODUCTIONS:

INVOCATION:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda may be amended at this time.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

1. **Casie Stockdale: regarding the recent State of the Salmon Meeting in Bethel.**
2. **Dan Gilikin: on salmon biology and marine derived nutrients.**
3. **USFWS/ADFG: Awards for villages of Kwethluk, Akiak, Akiachak for voluntary reduction of subsistence to help conserve Chinook in 2011.**

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Subsistence Reports:
 - a. Lower River:
 - b. **ONC Inseason Subsistence: Eva Patton ONC presentation.**
 - c. Middle River:
 - d. Upper River:
 - e. Headwaters:
2. Overview of 2012 Kuskokwim River salmon run assessment projects: **COVERED MARCH 28 & 29**
 - a. Bethel Test fish
 - b. Weirs/Sonar/Mark-Recapture/Aerial Surveys/Other:
3. Commercial Catch Report: N/A
4. Processor Report: **Nick Souza of CVRF and Steve Walsh of Kuskokwim seafoods will provide an update on operations in 2011 and plans for 2012.**
5. Sport Fish Report:
6. Area M Report: N/A
7. Weather Forecast: N/A
8. Recommendation:
 - a) **2011 fishing season follow-up: review what happened last year and discuss what worked and what didn't (ADF&G/USFWS Staff Synopsis, detailed discussion March 29).**
 - b) **Review ADF&G 2012 Salmon Management Outlook (ADF&G/USFWS Staff Synopsis, detailed discussion March 29).**

c) Group Discussion:

- 1) Agency and Working Group discussion and recommendations on tributary conservation measures.
- 2) Discussions and recommendations on Kuskokwim Mainstem management plans.
- 3) Based on MSE presentation on March 29, Identify and agree on Management priorities for the Kuskokwim River with respect to:
 - a) Escapement
 - b) Subsistence
 - c) Commercial
 - d) Other
- 4) Discuss possible proposals to:
 - a) The Alaska State Board of Fish (deadline April 10)
 - 1) Reinstate Chinook as a stock of Yield concern for the Kuskokwim.-if the board were to adopt this proposal the department would be required to develop a management plan to foster rebuilding.
 - 2) Regarding the allowance of 8" mesh gillnets as a potential commercial fishing method in the Kuskokwim River, add amendment: "Except that in district 1 After June 30th"
 - 3) AVCP looking into the option of exploring an OEG for the Kuskokwim River
 - b) The Federal Subsistence Board (deadline March 30)- If members have a proposal that is appropriate for the FSB, please present it for discussion as soon as possible. If the Working Group chooses to adopt the proposal, it may be possible to submit before 5pm on 30 March.
 - c) Comments/testimony to the NPFMC (Thursday: Albertson and Thomas; email comments)-

Email the NPFMC regarding the need to have a cap on the number of chum salmon that may be caught on the high seas as part of the pollach fishery

npfmc.comments@noaa.gov

- d) NPFMC – Discussion about adding a tribal representative to the NPFMC: state that we support the AVCP resolution!- provide endorsement

~~ADD—act of congress~~

~~Or~~

~~Ask the state to appoint (quicker option)-~~

~~Draft a resolution requesting a Subsistence representative-~~

- e) Possible Letters of support of CS house bill 332: act enabling AK Chinook research and endowment fund)- Discussed on Wednesday by Katie Williams

