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Native Village of Eek

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Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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Re: Statement of Concern for Salmon

Sirs/Ms;

The burden of conservation resting solely on communities in the river system is not producing results for which it is seemed intended. All know this, given escapement goals have not been met for years on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Rivers. Predictions without guarantee of expected or ideal outcome, aside from being told of less opportunities to fish, makes for undue hardship by all user groups.

In the recent past, False Pass volunteered to provide a window for chum to pass through Area M, partly because they had little market value at the time. Just by that simple act, we realized an abundance of chum in that same season.

My hope and in the spirit of community, Area M allows for escapement for all salmon stock this season that may undoubtedly prove beneficial in the future by all concerned.

Conservation can work when it is understood by those who may otherwise need to be aware of our effort and subsequently made a shared responsibility.

Respectfully,



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