

# **Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group**

**1 (800) 315-6338 (MEET) Code: 58756# (KUSKO)**

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**November 24, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 9:15am and adjourned at 12:31pm. Total meeting time was 3.5 hours. A quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **Board of Fisheries Proposals 2016:**

- **92 – 5 AAC 07.365. Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. (ONC)**
- **93 – 5 AAC 07.365 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. (KNA)**
- **94 – 5 AAC 07.365 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. (SHAC)**
- **95 – 5 AAC 31.286. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses; and 5 AAC 01.2xx. Tier II subsistence salmon fishery permits for the Kuskokwim River Fishery. (Grant Fairbanks)**
- **96 – 5 AAC 01.286. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence. (SHAC)**
- **97 – 5 ACC 01.280. Subsistence fishing permits. (SHAC)**
- **98 – 5 ACC 01.255. Description of districts and subsections. (ADF&G)**
- **99 – 5 ACC 01.270. Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation. (ONC)**
- **100 – 5 ACC 01.270. Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation. (ADF&G)**
- **101 – 5 ACC 07.331. Gillnet Specifications and operations. (ADF&G)**
- **102 – 5 ACC 07.331. Gillnet Specifications and operations. (NVK)**
- **103 – 5 AAC 07.367. District 4 Salmon Management Plan. (ADF&G)**
- **104 – 5 AAC 07.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts and sections. (Julius Peter, NVK)**
- **105 – 5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Kuskokwim – Goodnews Area. (NVK)**
- **106 – 5 AAC 27.875. Description of Kuskokwim Area districts. (Peter Julius)**
- **Board Generated Proposal X – 5 ACC 01.280 Subsistence**

## **WORKING GROUP MOTIONS:**

1. Approve the agenda as amended. *Passed (unanimous)*
2. To support proposal 92 – 5 AAC 07.365. Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. (ONC). *Motion passed (5 yeas, 1 no, 1 Abstention)*
3. To support proposal 93 – 5 AAC 07.365 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. (KNA). *Motion passed (6 yeas, 1 no)*
4. To support proposal 94 – 5 AAC 07.365 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. (SHAC). *Motion passed (6 yeas, 2 no)*

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5. To support proposal 95 – 5 AAC 31.286. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses; and 5 AAC 01.2xx. Tier II subsistence salmon fishery permits for the Kuskokwim River Fishery. (Grant Fairbanks). *Motion failed (0 yeas, 8 no)*
6. To support proposal 96 – 5 AAC 01.286. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence. (SHAC). *Motion passed (6 yeas, 2 no)*
7. To support proposal 97 – 5 ACC 01.280. Subsistence fishing permits. (SHAC). *Motion passed (7 yeas, 1 no)*
8. To support proposal 98 – 5 ACC 01.255. Description of districts and subsections. (ADF&G). *Motion passed (7 yeas, 1 no)*
9. To support proposal 99 – 5 ACC 01.270. Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation. (ONC). *Motion passed (8 yeas, 0 no)*
10. To support proposal 100 – 5 ACC 01.270. Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation. (ADF&G). *Motion passed (8 yeas, 0 no)*
11. To support proposal 101 – 5 ACC 07.331. Gillnet Specifications and operations. (ADF&G). *Motion passed (8 yeas, 0 no)*
12. To support proposal 106 – 5 AAC 27.875. Description of Kuskokwim Area districts. (Peter Julius). *Tabled indefinitely*
13. To support board generated proposal 222 – 5 ACC 01.280 Subsistence fishing permit; with the following recommendations:
  - Define the following date ranges:
    1. “b1i” June 10 with no specified end date
    2. “b2” June 20 with no specified end date
    3. “b3” January 1 – March 31
  - Under “b1”, strike all reference to “community fishing permits” and replace with references to “household fishing permits” consistent with board draft findings on patters of use including drying and smoking.
  - Under “b2”, define household permits under this item *need* not be consistent with the board fraft findings with respect to drying and smoking; i.e. all other uses. –  
*Motion passed (6 yeas, 1 no)*
14. Request that the December 9, 2015 meeting of the Board of Fish Subcommittee on subsistence be teleconferenced to allow greater public awareness. *Passed (unanimous).*
15. Adjourn. *Passed (unanimous).*

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## WORKING GROUP ATTENDANCE:

<b>MEMBER SEAT:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>
DOWNRIVER ELDER	<i>Absent</i>
UPRIVER ELDER	<i>Vacant</i>
LOWER RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Greg Roczicka
MIDDLE RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Lisa Feyereisen
UPRIVER SUBSISTENCE	Mark Leary
HEADWATERS SUBSISTENCE	Daniel Esai
MEMBER AT LARGE	<i>Absent</i>
WESTERN INTERIOR RAC	Ray Collins
YK DELTA RAC	<i>Absent</i>
COMMERCIAL FISHING	Charlie Brown
SPORT FISHING	LaMont Albertson
PROCESSOR	Henry Mitchell
ADF&G	Aaron Poetter
CHAIR	Beverly Hoffman

## **Other Participants:**

ADF&G Comm. Fish: Aaron Poetter, Brittany Blain, Chris Shelden, Zac Liller,  
Sport Fish: John Chythlook, Tom Taube  
Subsistence Division: Hiroko Ikuta, Jim Simon,

USFWS: Vernon Ray Born (acting Refuge Manager YKD NWR)

OSM: Don Rivard

Lisa Demmer (Alaska Dispatch)	Barbara Carlson (Upper River Subsistence alternate)
Charles Eruk... (KYUK)	Nick Kameroff (Middle River Subsistence alternate)
Art Nelson (BSFA)	Greg Hoffman Jr. (Commercial Fishing alternate)
Bill Bechtle (AVCP)	
Martin Nikolai (Kweethluk)	

## **GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS:**

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (**ADF&G**), Orutsararmiut Native Council (**ONC**), Kuskokwim Native Association (**KNA**), 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**), 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**)