Meeting Agenda

Date: 06/03/2015  Time: 10:00am  Place: Bethel

Time Called to Order: Chair: Bev Hoffman  Time Adjourned:

ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Upriver Elder:
Downriver Elder:
Commercial Fisher:
Lower River Subsistence:
Middle River Subsistence:
Upper River Subsistence:
Headwaters Subsistence:

QUORUM MET? Yes / No

Processor:
Member at Large:
Sport Fisher:
Western Interior RAC:
Y-K Delta RAC:
ADF&G:

INTRODUCTIONS:

INVOCATION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Optional. ADF&G does not prepare official meeting minutes.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. ADF&G Management Actions under consideration
2. Overview of Kuskokwim River salmon run assessment\ discussion of ADF&G considerations:
   a. Bethel Test Fish:
   b. Weirs/Mark-Recapture/Aerial Surveys/Other:
4. Commercial Catch Report:
5. Processor Report:
6. Sport Fish Report:
7. Intercept Fishery Report: optional
8. Weather Forecast:
9. Discussion of ADF&G Management considerations and discussion of possible alternatives (recommendations from the Working Group).
10. Motion for Discussion and Action

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update from USFWS on the lower river.

COMMENTS FROM WORKING GROUP MEMBERS:

NEXT MEETING DATE:__________________Time:__________________Place:__________________
Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group  
ADF&G Bethel toll free: 1 (855) 933-2433

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Thank you.  
Jennifer Peeks  
Chris Shelden  
Working Group coordinators
LOWER KUSKOKWIM RIVER INSEASON CATCH MONITORING REPORT:
Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC)

June 1, 2015

Fishing reports from May 25th-May 31st

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Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

Compared with this time in a normal year, how are catch rates for salmon this week?

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Does the salmon run timing appear to be early, late, or normal?

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Harvest Goal Summary:
None of the families surveyed this week had set harvest goals.

Majority families surveyed that started fishing this week are putting up smelt and whitefish.

Chinook:
One family stated they are not targeting Chinook salmon this year. Six families stated they are keeping incidental catches of Chinook. Two families have reported catching Chinook and distributing between elders of their community. All Chinook that were caught this week were bright silver and the majority where mid-size to small males. 57% of the families surveyed this week were unable to comment on Catch Rate or Run Timing.
Chum:
There are no reports for Chum at this time.

Sockeye:
There are no reports for Sockeye at this time.

Coho:
Three families are waiting to harvest Coho to substitute for Chinook.

Comments:
19 families surveyed have not started fishing this season. The number of families supported per fish camp ranged from 1 to 6. Some families have not started fishing, because they do not own a 4" net. One family also stated that they are going to fish outside the refuge boundary, because they do not own a 4" net.

This week was very successful for outreach, ASL kit distribution and recording Permit fishery information. All of surveyed families where curious and had multiple questions about the upcoming 804 ANILCA Permit Fishery.

A few surveyed families are moving fish camp locations due to erosion and sandbars.

Surveyor comments:
For the week ending of May 31st, ONC surveyed 26 families from the "Y" of Akiachak and Kwethluk downriver to Napaskiak Slough. Surveyors observed 40 setnets from the top of Church Slough to Napaskiak.

Surveyors have distributed a total of 9 ASL kits to date this year.