

This is an excerpt from the Yukon Flats AC meeting that occurred in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 11, 2015. This excerpt specifically involves the AC's comments on Board of Fisheries Proposals to be taken up at the March 2015 meeting. For a complete set of minutes, please contact the Interior Regional Coordinator.

**Yukon Flats Advisory Committee  
3/19/2015  
Fairbanks, AK**

Meeting called to order 2:12 pm.

AC members present:

Larry Williams—Venetie  
Richard Williams—Beaver  
Paul Williams—Beaver  
Rhonda Pitka—Beaver  
Tina Herbert—Chalkyitsik  
Jeffrey Wright—Chalkyitsik  
Andrew Firmin—Ft. Yukon  
Walter Peter—Ft Yukon  
Charles John—Circle

Members Absent: Nicholas Baalem (Birch Creek, excused), Jack Boyle (Circle, excused), 2 vacant seats from Stevens Village & Arctic Village; 1 vacant seat from Venetie

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

**BOF Proposal 273-drift gillnet extension July 15<sup>th</sup> instead of Aug 2.— voted to oppose**

While we understand equality of opportunity, but we still have concerns with kings. We don't don't get to use drift nets for salmon. Members noted that the that kings and chums segregate by bank in that area and we don't want fishermen putting in a 6" driftnet along a bank where kings were migrating through. There is potential for abuse and it will hurt the returning kings.

**BOF Proposal 274- fish wheel retention of kings— voted to support**

We use fish wheels and we would like to have equal chances of keeping kings when drift gillnet fishermen are allowed to have some justifiable harvest. While we don't get summer chums, we would still like to be able to potentially retain kings if there are extra.