Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group meeting summary

The Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group (KRSMWG) held a meeting on Tuesday 24 November 2015, 9:00am at the Department of Fish and Game office in Bethel, AK. A quorum was established.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposals being considered for the Kuskokwim Area by the Board of Fisheries in January of 2016.

Meeting Motions:

Motion 1: Approve the agenda as amended. Passed (unanimous).

Motion 2: to support proposal 92 – 5 AAC 07.365. Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. (ONC). Motion passed (5 yeas, 1 no, 1 Abstention)

Motion 3: to support proposal 93 – 5 AAC 07.365 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. (KNA). Motion passed (6 yeas, 1 no)

Motion 4: to support proposal 94 – 5 AAC 07.365 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. (SHAC). Motion passed (6 yeas, 2 no)

Motion 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)

Motion 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)

Motion 7: to support proposal 97 – 5 ACC 01.280. Subsistence fishing permits. (SHAC). Motion passed (7 yeas, 1 no)

Motion 8: to support proposal 98 – 5 ACC 01.255. Description of districts and subsections. (ADF&G). Motion passed (7 yeas, 1 no)

Motion 9: to support proposal 99 – 5 ACC 01.270. Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation. (ONC). Motion passed (8 yeas, 0 no)
Motion 10: to support proposal 100 – 5 ACC 01.270. Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation. (ADF&G). *Motion passed (8 yeas, 0 no)*

Motion 11: to support proposal 101 – 5 ACC 07.331. Gillnet Specifications and operations. (ADF&G). *Motion passed (8 yeas, 0 no)*

Motion 12: to support proposal 106 – 5 AAC 27.875. Description of Kuskokwim Area districts. (Peter Julius). *Tabled indefinitely*

Motion 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 patterns of use including drying and smoking.
- Under “b2”, define household permits under this item should not be consistent with the board draft findings with respect to drying and smoking; i.e. all other uses.

  *Motion passed (6 yeas, 1 no)*

Motion 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)*.

Motion 15: Adjourn. *Passed (unanimous).*