

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
KUSKOKWIM SUBSISTENCE SALMON PANEL**

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will convene a meeting of the Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel (panel) in Bethel at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center, 420 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway, Bethel, Alaska, on August 24 and 25, 2015.

Tentatively expected to start at 10:00 a.m. on August 24, the panel will hear Alaska Department of Fish and Game reports and take public testimony. Tentative signup time for public testimony on August 24 will run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The panel anticipates it may be able to accept call-in public testimony for individuals who schedule a time in advance of the meeting. In order to schedule a time to provide testimony to the panel on teleconference, contact Boards Support at 907-465-4110 or glenn.haight@alaska.gov no later than August 21, 2015, by 5:00pm. Changes in the panel's ability to accept call-in public testimony will be announced in future notices.

During this meeting, the panel will discuss possible additional tools for equitably distributing Kuskokwim River subsistence salmon resources throughout the drainage during times of low abundance and possible recommendations for board-generated proposals for consideration at the October 21-22, 2015 Work Session in Anchorage.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries established the panel at their October 2014 Work Session after considering an agenda change request to manage the Kuskokwim River subsistence king salmon fishery by Tier II subsistence salmon fishing permits.

The mission of the panel is to seek public input on how to ensure an equitable distribution of subsistence salmon resources throughout the Kuskokwim River drainage and potential tools for equitable distribution in times of low abundance.

Three board members are joined by a cross-section of representatives from Kuskokwim River state fish and game advisory committees, federal regional advisory councils, Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group, Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, tribal organizations and agencies, and public members at-large. For information on panel members and information provided at panel meetings, visit the panel's website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=kssp.main>.

The panel met in Bethel on January 15-16, 2015 to hear from the public, listen to department king salmon reports, and consider potential solutions to ensure an equitable distribution of subsistence salmon resources throughout the Kuskokwim River drainage. At its March 17-20, 2015 Statewide Shellfish meeting in Anchorage, the board passed three Kuskokwim River subsistence salmon proposals that provided new regulatory management tools regarding the operation of subsistence fishing gear to conserve king salmon while maintaining opportunities to harvest other fish species.

In June 2015 panel members traveled to the Kuskokwim River with department staff to observe subsistence salmon fisheries and monitoring projects in operation, and speak with subsistence fishermen in different parts of the drainage. The panel is expected to report back to the full board at its next work session, October 21-22, 2015 in Anchorage.

Panel meetings are open to the public. A meeting agenda will be available at the meeting, and in advance of the meeting at the Bethel Fish and Game Office, 570 4th Avenue and on the Boards Support Section website <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=kssp.main>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation to join in any of these public meetings, please contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110 by 5:00 pm on Friday, August 21, 2015, to make any necessary arrangements.

For more information about the meetings, contact Glenn Haight at (907) 465-6095.



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Date