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Mr. Chairman, Honorable Members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries:

My name is Francis Thompson. I am a subsistence and commercial fisherman in the lower Yukon River from the community of St. Mary’s. I have served as an advisory member to the Yukon River Panel from 1996-2001 and from 2002-2016. I have served the Panel as Panel Member, Alternate Panel member, and Advisor to the Panel. Currently I am a Tribal Council Member for the Alakanuk Tribal Council.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board,

I stand neutral on proposals 65-80, 84, and 85 Offsite 81-82. I favor the Tanana Subsistence and Sport Fish Proposal.
for the Yukon Subsistence and Commercial
Proposals

oppose 87 & 16 support & 68, 89, 90, 91
92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 - 104

I urge the Board & Fisheries Manager
to continue implementing the 2001 Sustainable
Fisheries Management Policy. I believe the management
strategies from this policy is improving returns
of Chinook, Chum & Coho Returns on the Alaska streams
and meeting Canadian board passage Returns.

In 2018 the Commercial Fishery harvest
for Chum had foregone about 800,000 fish
because of cautious Chinook Salmon management.
A new gear restriction, 5/8 x 30 x 50 ft, was
not used this last summer. We advocated for it
but not used.

The lower districts 1 - 3 fishers have changed
gear, reduced harvest opportunity and time
Districts 4 - 6 - have changed some
Reduced fishing time, better fish wheel fish holds
monitoring need to be implemented for live release
of Chinook.

# Keep proteging the Taklit River for fall Chum
# Find out how Trade and Barter for Cash is
  affecting Salmon management. Where are the
ghost fish where 20 - 50 K Chinook disappear to
After the count at Pilot Station, Sonnr.
Escapement goals in Alaska and Canada broader
passage escapement were met, Subsistence of Chinook
harvest 50 k was met above Sonnr.
yet 20-50 k lost some where

Keari going to be Closed this Summer for
King harvest need to keep an eye on this one
might see more Fishers in Yukon from this area

Need Boats on ground to update subsistence
harvest of Chinook on Yukon River.
Chum & Coho scale sampling for the Morton Sound
Fishery harvest may have salmon bound for Yukon

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