

# **Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group**

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## **MONTH DATE, YEAR**

Meeting called to order at **XXX** a.m. on **DAY, MONTH DATE, YEAR** and adjourned at **XXX** p.m. Meeting time was approximately **X** hours and **X** minutes. **XXX** full voting members were present and a quorum was established. **XXX** chaired the meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:**

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

#### **A. SUBSISTENCE REPORTS:**

#### **B. 2025 ASSESSMENT**

#### **C. Intercept fishery**

#### **D. MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS:**

**Subsistence sections 1-3 updates: USFWS/KRITFC**

**Sections 4-5: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)**

#### **E. MOTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

### **WORKING GROUP BUSINESS:**

## **WORKING GROUP ACTION ITEMS:**

## **WORKING GROUP MOTIONS:**

*Quorum was not met. No motions were made nor passed.*

## **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:**

## **KRITFC/USFWS UPDATE:**

## **ADF&G MANAGEMENT ACTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

## **SUBSISTENCE REPORTS:**

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

### ***1. Subsistence Reports***

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- a. Lowest River: Fritz Charles commented on fishing success and how people have filled their need. *Audio for this update begins 10:35 – Meeting Audio – 7/16/25*
  - b. Lower River:
  - c. Middle River:
  - d. Upper River: Allen Simeon commented that most people are done fishing. Barbara Carlson reported larger kings in Aniak than past years.
  - e. Headwaters: Dan Essai commented on high fishing success in Salmon Pitka Fork.
2. **Overview of Kuskokwim River Salmon run assessment Projects:**
  - a. ADF&G: Sean Larson provided an overview of the ADF&G assessment projects. *(For more information on the 2025 Inseason Assessment Projects, please see the July 16 Informational Packet) Audio for this update begins 15:48 – Meeting Audio – 7/16/25*
  - b. Aniak Test Fish: Dan Gillikin was not present to provide a report.
  - c. USFWS: Nate Akers had no report.
  - d. ONC: Jacob Wade provided an overview of the ONC Inseason assessment project. *(For more information on the 2025 ONC Subsistence Harvest report, please see the July 16 Informational Packet) Audio for this update begins 25:12 – Meeting Audio – 7/16/25*
  - e. KRITFC: Terese Vicente provided an overview of the KRITFC's Inseason assessment. *(For more information on the 2025 KRITFC Inseason Assessment, please see the July 16, 2025) Audio for this update begins 27:11 – Meeting Audio – 7/16/25*
3. **Intercept Fishery Report**: *Audio for this update begins 32:32 – Meeting Audio – 7/16/25*
4. **YDNWR Management Update**: Spencer Rearden provided an overview of USFWS management and provided information on an upcoming management meeting. *Audio for this update begins 37:15 – Meeting Audio – 7/16/25*
5. **Discussion of ADF&G Management considerations and discussion of possible alternatives**: Madison Hardwig provided a management update for the state. No management actions are being taken. Ms. Hardwig commented on upcoming aerial surveys. *Audio for this update begins 39:50 – Meeting Audio – 7/16/25*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Co-chairs: No update for new co-chairs due to lack of quorum.

Presentations: No update for presentations due to unconfirmed meeting schedule.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

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- 1. Approve the agenda**
- 2. Adjourn**

**COMMENTS FROM THE WORKING GROUP:** *No additional comments were provided from the Working Group Members.*

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## WORKING GROUP ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER SEAT:	NAME:
DOWNRIVER ELDER	Absent
UPRIVER ELDER	Allen Simeon
LOWER RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Absent
MIDDLE RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Walter Morgan
UPRIVER SUBSISTENCE	Barbara Carlson
HEADWATERS SUBSISTENCE	Absent
MEMBER AT LARGE	Fritz Charles
WESTERN INTERIOR RAC	<i>Vacant</i>
YK DELTA RAC	Absent
COMMERCIAL FISHING	Tad Lindley
SPORT FISHING	Absent
PROCESSOR	<i>Vacant</i>
KRITFC	Absent
ADF&G	Madison Hardwig
CHAIR	Fritz Charles

Other Participants:		
<u>ADF&amp;G Comm Fish:</u> Sean Larson, Tim Bembenic, Zachary Liller, Aaron Tiernan		
<u>Sport Fish:</u> John Chythluk		
<u>Subsistence:</u>		
<u>USFWS:</u> Nate Akers, Bryan Daniels, Emmitt Nicori, Chris Tulik, Spencer Rearden, Frank Harris, Aaron Moses		
<u>OSM:</u>		
ONC: Jacob Wade, Essie Bean, Emily Madsen	KRITFC: Terese Vicente, Andrew Magle, Andrew O'Connor	<u>Media:</u>
AVCP: Amy Hendricks, Deja Johnson		<u>WG Alternates:</u>

## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (**ADF&G, department, State**), Orutsarmiut Traditional Native Council (**OTNC**), Association of Village Council Presidents (**AVCP**), Georgetown Traditional Council (**GTC**), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (**USFWS**), Bethel Test Fishery project (**BTF**), Catch Per Unit Effort (**CPUE**), Coastal Village Seafoods (**CVS**), ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Division (**CF**), ADF&G Sport Fisheries Division (**SF**), Regional Advisory Council (**RAC**), Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group (**KRSMWG, Working Group, or WG**), Sustainable Escapement Goal (**SEG**), Biological Escapement Goal (**BEG**), Management Objective (**MO**), Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence (**ANS**), Emergency Order (**EO**), Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (**BSFA**), Law Enforcement (**LE**), Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (**KRITFC**), Native Village of Napaimute (**NVN**), Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (**YKHC**), Alaska State Troopers (**AST**), University of Alaska Fairbanks (**UAF**)

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