

Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

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MONTH DATE, YEAR

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6th, 2025 and adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Meeting time was approximately 1 hour and 50 minutes. Three full voting members were present and a quorum was established. Barbara Carlson 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:

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1. ***Subsistence Reports***

- a. Lowest River:
- b. Lower River: Avery Hoffman commented on fishing efforts and success. *Audio for this update begins 6:20 – Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*
- c. Middle River:
- d. Upper River: Sam Decker spoke on behalf of Alan Simmeon to report fishing conditions in Aniak. Mr. Simmeon's report included an update on the Aniak Fishing Derby. *Audio for this update begins 7:52 – Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*
- e. Headwaters:

2. ***Overview of Kuskokwim River Salmon run assessment Projects:***

- a. ADF&G: Sean Larson provided an overview of ADF&G run assessment projects. *Audio for this update begins 11:31 – Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*
- b. NVN: Dan Gillikan provided an overview of NVN run assessment projects. *Audio for this update begins 17:48 – Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*
- c. USFWS: Nate Akers provided an update on USFWS operations and projects. *Audio for this update begins 14:38 – Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*
- d. ONC: Jacob Wade provided no update for ONC projects. *Audio for this update begins 8:54 – Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*
- e. KRITFC: Terese Vicente provided an overview of KRITFC harvest reports. *Audio for this update begins 23:04 – Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*

3. ***Intercept Fishery Report***: No report was given.

4. ***YDNWR Management Update***: Brian Daniels provided an updated timeline for federal management discussions and potential harvest opportunities. *Audio for this update begins 26:26 – Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*

5. ***Discussion of ADF&G Management considerations and discussion of possible alternatives***: Sam Decker provided and update on aerial surveys. *Audio for thus update begins 26:54 – Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ***Co-chair update***: No quorum during the meeting to update old business. The update will be carried over to next meeting's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Upper Kuskokwim Natural Indicators***: Tim Bembenic with Alaska Department of Fish and Game Subsistence Division presented goals and strategies of Subsistence surveys. *Audio for this presentation begins - Meeting Audio – 8/6/25*

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WORKING GROUP MOTIONS:

- 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	Absent
LOWER RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Absent
MIDDLE RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Absent
UPRIVER SUBSISTENCE	Barbara Carlson
HEADWATERS SUBSISTENCE	Absent
MEMBER AT LARGE	Avery Hoffman
WESTERN INTERIOR RAC	Absent
YK DELTA RAC	Absent
COMMERCIAL FISHING	Absent
SPORT FISHING	Absent
PROCESSOR	<i>Vacant</i>
KRITFC	Absent
ADF&G	Sam Decker
CHAIR	Barbara Carlson

Other Participants:		
<u>ADF&G Comm Fish:</u> Madison Hardwig, Sean Larson, Keegan Birchfield, Aaron Tiernan		
<u>Sport Fish:</u> John Chythlook		
<u>Subsistence:</u> Tim Bembenic		
Savannah Hollingworth		
<u>USFWS:</u> Brian Daniels, Nate Akers		
<u>OSM:</u> Kevin Foley		
NVN: Dan Gillikin AVCP: Amy Hendricks	KRITFC: Bill Bechtol, Terese Vicenta	<u>Media:</u>
		<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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