

# **Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group**

**1 (800) 315-6338 (MEET) Code: 58756# (KUSKO)**

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**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 10:13 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and adjourned at 11:03 a.m. Meeting time was approximately 50 minutes. Six full voting members were present and a quorum was established. Alissa Rogers 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:**

1. Approve the agenda.

## **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 efforts and success. Avery Hoffman was also able to comment on the presence of coho salmon and catch of subsistence fishers. *Audio for this update begins 12:01 – Meeting Audio – 8/13/25*
  - b. Lower River:
  - c. Middle River:
  - d. Upper River: Alan Simeon commented on strong coho salmon numbers and most fishers are using rod and reel for their catches. Barbara Carlson commented similarly to Mr. Simeon. *Audio for this update begins 13:43 – Meeting Audio – 8/13/25*
  - e. Headwaters:
2. ***Overview of Kuskokwim River Salmon run assessment Projects:***
    - a. ADF&G: Sam Decker provided an overview of ADF&G run assessment projects. *Audio for this update begins 16:37 – Meeting Audio – 8/13/25*
    - b. NVN: No one from Native Village of Napaimute was available to provide an overview of their projects.
    - c. USFWS: No one from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was available to provide an overview of their projects.
    - d. ONC: Jacob Wade provided an update for ONC projects. *Audio for this update begins 25:07 – Meeting Audio – 8/13/25*
    - e. KRITFC: Andrew Magel provided an overview of KRITFC harvest reports. *Audio for this update begins 28:54 - Meeting Audio – 8/13/25*
  3. ***Intercept Fishery Report:*** No report was given.
  4. ***YDNWR Management Update:*** No one from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was available to provide an update.
  5. ***Discussion of ADF&G Management considerations and discussion of possible alternatives:*** Sam Decker provided an update on aerial surveys. *Audio for this update begins 32:48 – Meeting Audio – 8/13/25*

### **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:**

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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	Alan Simeon
UPRIVER ELDER	Absent
LOWER RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Alissa Rogers
MIDDLE RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Absent
UPRIVER SUBSISTENCE	Barbara Carlson
HEADWATERS SUBSISTENCE	Absent
MEMBER AT LARGE	Fritz Charles
WESTERN INTERIOR RAC	<i>Vacant</i>
YK DELTA RAC	Absent
COMMERCIAL FISHING	Absent
SPORT FISHING	Excused
PROCESSOR	<i>Vacant</i>
KRITFC	Absent
ADF&G	Sam Decker
CHAIR	Absent

Other Participants:		
<u>ADF&amp;G Comm Fish:</u> Madison Hardwig, Iris Fletcher, Aaron Tiernan, John Linderman		
<u>Sport Fish:</u>		
<u>Subsistence:</u> Tim Bembenic, Jane Litvin		
<u>USFWS:</u>		
<u>OSM:</u> Kevin Foley, Brooke McDavid		
ONC: Jacob Wade, Avery Hoffman KRITFC: Bill Bechtol, Andrew Magel	AST: Dan Valentine	<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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