

Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

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June 3rd, 2026

On Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, the KRSMWG meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. and adjourned at 11:37 a.m. Meeting time was approximately 1 hour and 29 minutes. A quorum was not established with 4 full voting members in attendance. 3 members joined later. Fritz Charles chaired the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS AND SUMMARY INFORMATION:

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Theresa Simeon-Hunter gives an update on fishing in Chuathbaluk. *Audio for this update begins at 07:24 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/25*

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

A. SUBSISTENCE REPORTS: Fritz Charles gives his subsistence report. *Audio for this update begins at 07:54 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/25.*

B. OVERVIEW OF KUSKOKWIM RIVER PROJECTS:

- 1. ADF&G UPDATE:** Sean Larson gives a brief update on the status of sonar, weir and test fish projects. *Audio for this update begins at 09:54 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/25.*
- 2. USFW UPDATE:** Nate Akers gives an update on federal fisheries projects. *Audio for this update begins at 10:51 – Meeting Audio -6/3/25.*
- 3. NVN Update:** Dan Gillikan gives an update on NVN projects. *Audio for this update begins at 11:41 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/25.*
- 4. KRITFC UPDATE:** Erald Murati gives updates on harbor survey numbers for last set net opener *Audio for this update begins at 13:45 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/26.*

C. INTERCEPT FISHERY REPORT: Kevin Whitworth shares info on Bearing Sea Commercial fisheries tracked by KRITFC. *Audio for this update begins at 19:18 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/26.*

D. YUKON DELTA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FISHERY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Nate gives an update on upcoming fishing opportunities. *Audio for this update begins at 32:26 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/26.*

E. ADF&G MANAGEMENT ACTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION: Sam Decker discusses front end closure and tributary management plans. *Audio for this update begins at 40:29 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/26.*

- 1. FRONT END CLOSURE START AND END DATES:** *Audio for this update begins at 49:51 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/26.*
- 2. TRIBUTARY MANAGEMENT:** *Audio for this update begins at 1:09:23 – Meeting Audio – 6/3/26.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business was addressed at this meeting.

COMMENTS FROM WORKING GROUP MEMBERS: Questions and comments.

Audio for this update begins at 1:22:36

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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WORKING GROUP MOTIONS:

There were no motions made during this meeting as quorum was not met.

WORKING GROUP ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER SEAT:	NAME:
DOWNRIVER ELDER	<i>Absent</i>
UPRIVER ELDER	<i>Absent</i>
LOWER RIVER SUBSISTENCE	<i>Absent</i>
MIDDLE RIVER SUBSISTENCE	<i>Absent</i>
UPRIVER SUBSISTENCE	Barbara Carlson
HEADWATERS SUBSISTENCE	Kevin Whitworth
MEMBER AT LARGE SEAT 1	Fritz Charles
MEMBER AT LARGE SEAT 2	<i>Avery Hoffman</i>
WESTERN INTERIOR RAC	<i>Vacant</i>
YK DELTA RAC	<i>Absent</i>
COMMERCIAL FISHING	<i>Tad Lindley</i>
SPORT FISHING	<i>Vacant</i>
KRITFC	<i>Absent</i>
ADF&G	Sam Decker
CHAIR	Fritz Charles
<u>ADF&G Comm. Fish:</u> Kara Domnick <u>Sport Fish Division:</u> John Chythlook <u>Subsistence Division:</u> <u>Commissioner's Office:</u>	
<u>USFWS:</u> Spencer Rearden, Nate Akers, Nissa Pilcher <u>OSM:</u> <u>NVN:</u> Dan Gillikan, Briana Sherer <u>ONC:</u> <u>AVCP:</u> Emma Daniels <u>KRITFC:</u> Justin Leon, Joseph Spaeder, Essie Beans, Erol Muratti, Charlee Korthuis <u>UAF:</u> <u>WIRAC:</u> <u>YK Delta RAC:</u>	
<u>WG Alternates: (not already listed above)</u> Madison Hardwig (ADF&G)	<u>Media:</u> <u>Other:</u> Theresa Simeon-Hunter

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GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (**ADF&G**), Orutsarmiut Native Council (**ONC**), 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**), ADF&G Subsistence Division (**SD**), 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**),

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