



80%
of Chinook, on average,
spawn above federal
lands in State waters

Subsistence communities
include Chuathbaluk, Crooked
Creek, Red Devil, Sleetmute,
Stony River, McGrath, Takotna,
Nikolai, and Lime Village
plus seasonal villages

Kuskokwim River Through Yukon Delta NWR

- USFWS
- BLM
- State
- Native Allotment
- Native Lands
- Private
- NWR

The Aniak box defined as: The waters of the Kuskokwim River main stem from the Yukon Delta NWR boundary at Aniak downstream to a line formed from the northwest corner of the runway (latitude 61° 35' 16" N, longitude 159° 33' 28" W), due north to a point on the southeast corner of the sandbar (latitude 61° 35' 37" N, longitude 159° 33' 16" W). The Aniak Box was opened to rod and reel fishing for Chinook Salmon with ESA-3-KS-04-22.

A State's Rights Issue
Federal regulations transfer authority over these resources to the federal government by subjecting waterways in more than half of Alaska to ANILCA's rural subsistence priority. The takeover is vast in scope, including significant waterways such as the Yukon, Kuskokwim and Copper Rivers. The State is defending the rights it was granted at statehood as the federal government has no legal basis to overreach and take control of fisheries management on our navigable waterways.

