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Crooked Creek
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Emmonak
Georgetown
Goodnews Bay
Hamilton
Hooper Bay
Lower Kalskag
Upper Kalskag
Kasigluk
Kipnuk
Kongiganak
Kotlik
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Lime Village
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Napaimiut
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Newtok
Nightmute
Nunakaulyak
Nunam Iqua
Nunapitchuk
Ohogamiut
Oscarville
Paimiut
Pilot Station
Pitka's Point
Platinum
Quinhagak
Red Devil
Russian Mission
Scammon Bay
Sleetmute
St. Mary's
Stony River
Tuluksak
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January 14, 2015 -On October 14, AVCP distributed requests to our Kuskokwim River tribal communities for letters of support for five chosen steering committee members to work together on the initial development of the Kuskokwim River Inter-tribal Fish Commission (KRITFC). Building an understanding between each other for our tribal communities' unique goals, interests, and concerns is a priority for developing an effective working relationship and creation of the inter-tribal commission. Additional input received from our tribal members prompted us to expand the number of steering committee members to twelve representatives.

The twelve steering committee members include: 1) Willard Church of Quinhagak, 2) James Charles of Tuntutuliak, 3) Fritz Charles of Tuntutuliak, 4) Jacob Black of Napakiak, 5) Greg Roczicka of Bethel, 6) Robert Nick of Nunapitchuk, 7) James Nicori of Kwethluk, 8) Mike Williams of Akiak, 9) Robert Aloysius of Kalskag, 10) Wayne Morgan of Aniak, 11) Mark Leary of Napaimute, and 12) Evelyn Thomas of Crooked Creek. The Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) will also identify a number of steering committee representatives from Upper Kuskokwim River tribal governments.

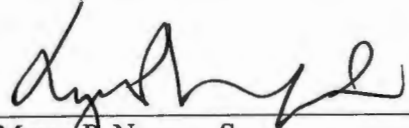
The two primary priorities of the KRITFC Steering Committee include the development of an organizational framework to guide the structure and operation of the KRITFC and the creation of a salmon management plan for the Kuskokwim River Drainage.

The first steering committee meeting will be held in Bethel at the Cultural Center on February 5 and 6, 2015. The second meeting will also be held in Bethel at the Cultural Center on February 23 and 24, 2015. All steering committee meetings will be open to anyone who wishes to participate, and all AVCP tribes in the Kuskokwim River Drainage may appoint a representative to the steering committee. Once the Steering Committee has made its recommendations, AVCP will organize a meeting of all the tribes in the Kuskokwim River Drainage to meet, review, and take actions on the recommendations.

Quyana to our tribes for the input we have received.

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