Bethel Advisory Committee meeting 1/13/15

Initial recommendations to BOF Chinook Subsistence Panel (1/15-16/15)

- As long as current depleted King run conditions continue, maintain 4" or less mesh restrictions in 2015 with up to 2 openings per week, until the Kusko Salmon Mgmt Working Group and the area manager determines that 75% of the King run has passed the Bethel Test Fishery.
- 2 4" or less mesh, fish wheels, beach seines or dip nets only beginning May 15, 2015 (or potential of dip net/beach seine only openings).
- When limited to 4" or less mesh/60' setnet; Only 1 net per household allowed & net must be attached to the bank. (Potential amendment of BOF Proposal #271)
- Alternate days of fishing (windows) when gear liberalization is implemented following the 75% BTF passage trigger point referenced above.
- Do not support pursuit of Tier II fishery maintain closures/restrictions until a Tier I status can be achieved. If above not deemed realistic or necessary maintain current
- Look further into Tier I permit system with customary/traditional use criteria conditions incorporated, potential harvest limits, and/or length of years included in eligibility score; and further exploration of community harvest permit potential
- 7. No nets or fish wheels allowed in salmon spawning tributaries; or, within 1 mile of tributary mouth
- No commercial sale/purchase of Kings including Districts 4 & 5
 (Quinhagak/Goodnews)
- 9. Continue pursuit of equitable test fish distribution.
- /C Further investigation/pursuit of potential enhancement projects