



Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Decisions on Board of Fisheries Proposals, AYK Meeting, January 2019

ADDENUM – Proposal 100 decision and comments

The Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission’s decision and rationale on proposal 100 was inadvertently left off the submitted on-time public comments for the Fish Commission (PC 34).

Proposal 100 – Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets in the commercial fishery.

Fish Commission vote: Unanimously oppose

Why the Fish Commission opposes:

- The specifications listed in this proposal are not realistic for fishing with a traditional fish wheel and complying with these specifications would cause a significant financial hardship for fish wheel owners who would have to modify or completely rebuild their fish wheels.
- This would primarily affect the commercial fishery in Kaltag and District 6, which, comparatively, is a very small commercial fishery that has shown no indication of overfishing using current fish wheels specifications.
- People who use commercial fish wheels are using the same wheels for subsistence; meeting the commercial specifications would create undo hardship for subsistence fishing efforts and would likely result in an inability to efficiently meet subsistence needs.
- The Fish Commission also opposes this proposal for subsistence fish wheels (like those primarily found in District 5).

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all Commissioners present unanimously decided on this proposal, December 4-6, 2018 in Galena, Alaska.

Brooke Wright
Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Chair

Quorum established with the following Fish Commissioners present and voting unanimously:

Brooke Wright, Rampart, Chair
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