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Mr. Chairman Honorable Members of the Alaska Board of Fish

My name is Francis Thompson I am a  
Subsistence and Commercial Fisherman in the Lower  
Yukon from the Community of St. Mary's

I have served as Advisory member to the Yukon  
River Panel from 1996-2001 and from 2002-2016

I have served the panel as Panel member, Alternate  
Panel member and Advisor to the panel.

Currently I am a Tribal Council Member for  
the Algaaciq Tribal Gov't

Mr. Chairman members of the Board

I stand neutral on proposals 65-80 84 and 85

Oppose 81 82 83 for the Tanana Subsistence  
and Sport Fish Proposal

## For the Yukon Subsistence and Commercial Proposals

Oppose ~~87~~ 87 & 96 support 86, 88, 89, 90, 91  
92, 93, 94, 95, ~~97~~, 128 98, 99, 100 - 104

I urge the Board & Fisheries Managers to continue implementing the 2001 Sustainable Fisheries Management Policy. I believe the management strategies from this policy is improving returns of Chinook, Chum & Coho returns on the Alaska streams and meeting Canadian border passage returns.

In 2018 the Commercial Fishery harvest for Chum had foregone about 800,000 fish because of cautious Chinook salmon management, a new gear restriction  $5\frac{1}{2} \times 30 \times 50$  ft. <sup>adopted Oct. 2013</sup> was not used this last summer. We advocated for it but not used.

The lower districts 1-3 fisheries have changed gear, reduced harvest opportunity and time. Districts 4-6 <sup>harvest methods and time</sup> have <sup>some</sup> changed.

Reduced fishing time, better fish wheel fish holds monitoring need to be implemented for live release of Chinook.

- # Keep protecting the Toklat River for fall chum
- # find out how Trade and border for cash is affecting salmon management, \* Where are the ghost fish where 20-50K Chinook disappear to

After the count at Pilot Station Sonar  
Escapement Goals in Alaska and Canada border  
passage escapement were met, Subsistence of Chinook  
harvest 50K was met above sonar  
yet 20-50K lost somewhere

Kenai going to be closed this summer for  
King harvest need to keep an eye on this one  
might see more fishers in Yukon from this area

- Need Boots on ground to update subsistence  
harvest <sup>take</sup> of Chinook on Yukon River.
- Chum & Coho scale sampling for the Norton Sound  
fishery harvest may have salmon bound for Yukon

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