

## **Comments from 4 members of the Lower Kuskokwim AC**

### **Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Members Work Session Notes to be added to comments for BOF: AYK**

**The meeting did not reach quorum but had tried to meet previously multiple times but problems with weather and multiple commitments for the members made it difficult to meet. These comments were a result of the work session that we had.**

The teleconference was rescheduled at Tuesday, January 3rd, Beginning at 9:00 AM, 2022

The meeting was unable to reach a quorum. The following members were in attendance:

Phillip Peter, Sr (chair)-Akiachak

Earl Samuelson – Napaskiak

John Andrew – Kwethluk

Adolph Lupie – Tuntutuliak

With only 8 active members on the Advisory Committee; only 5 were needed for quorum. – Two members who intended to participate were unable to due to last minute issues that came up.

ADFG Staff present: Nick Smith, Ross Renick, John Chythlook, and Savannah Hollingworth

Members of the Public present: Brian Henry and Members of the Kwethluk IRA

ADFG Fisheries staff reported on Kuskokwim salmon fishing and numbers for the 2022 season.

Adolph Lupie said that the council was too high tech and not trusting of traditional knowledge. He would like to see combined knowledge to help the salmon. Bycatch is hurting us.

Phillip Peter: "My people understand conservation," and believes the fish will return in 4-5 years with conservation. He is glad we met escapement goals.

John Andrew: Some people are already out of fish in Kwethluk and that the closures are hurting our subsistence way of life, yet the department allows fishing in the intercept fishery. Stormy weather made it hard to get moose. Those who didn't get a moose are hurting bad. Money earned must go to gas and heating fuel. Food is too expensive.

Earl Samuelson: We have been a conservative people, yet we are heavily regulated. We are doing our part. Push the department to do more in the ocean.

Proposals 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, 96, and 97 were summarized by staff while they remained on the call to answer questions. Not all proposals were commented on.

#### **Proposal 87:**

Members are worried that if Eel sticks are added to the book then it can be regulated or made illegal later

#### **Proposal 90: Not supported**

Phillip Peter says a Tier II system is not workable for subsistence fishing and is different than big game. Members present are not in favor of this proposal and worry that it may be difficult for some people to get a permit. Earl Samuelson said that he has seen long-time local people be

denied a tier II permit while 1<sup>st</sup> time hunters do. He feels that the tier II system does not work as designed.

**Proposal 94:**

Earl Samuelson felt that the dates proposed were a long period.

**Proposals 95 & 96:**

Phillip Peter said that "it's been that way and it's supposed to be like that."

Earl Samuelson said that there was a lot of confusion last summer Federal and State governments should work together on this proposal, not try to power themselves and control the subsistence people. We need to straighten this out!

Set next meeting date: January 25-26 in person with travel on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

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