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Madam Chair, Honorable Board of Fisheries Members

My name is Francis Thompson, I am the Vice-Chairman for the Algaaciq Tribal Govt and I am here to speak on the Tribal Council and members behalf during this meeting

For the Ayk Proposals 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69
70, 71 73, 74 Non salmon Proposals
No comments

For Salmon Proposals 79, 80, 81, 82, 83
84, 85, Sport Fish ^{ESL...} 86 88

No Action except that All Gear specification
which Proposal 88 has differences

District 1-3 no greater than 7.5 inches 45 mesh Deep

6 inch or Less 50 mesh Deep.

Districts 4-6

greater than 6 inch 60 mesh deep

6 inch or smaller 70 mesh Deep.

make it uniform 4/5 and 50

60-70 to efficient in Deep water

Support 87 and 89 as they add more tools
in our tool Box.

Maddam Chair, Honorable members of the
Board of Fisheries

We have no more to give on the Yukon to save
our salmon returns we are reduced to 4 in 60ft long
nets to satisfy our fish needs... not salmon

Every since the Adoption of the MAGNASON/STEWART
Act.
In 1974 and the establishment of the
Area M Fisheries ^{by the state of AK} to target 8% of the BB sockeye
stock. The Fisheries in the AYK Region
have been going down hill... we are at
Rock Bottom

We kept Foreign Flats At Bay DLE-MSA

now they have devastated us the 60-70 lb ^{pp1}
2/3rds of the ADFG's managed Districts

have no more salmon stories and traditions to live and pass on to our families. It is like History - a story of the past.

Empty camps, fish racks ... All stories you have heard the reports of how salmon has been declining by the AYK managers studies needing to be done but no money for research.

The trawl and Intercept Fisheries have ~~not~~ contributed financially to the cause but take take take...

more wasp studies need to be done on the Yukon scale sampling and species. Research is done annually and immediately sampling in Area M Fisheries none or little is collected for research by ~~ADFG~~ ADFG. For species origins 19% is a lot for the Yukon chum salmon as they are below forecast, and escapement goals ^{not} when they return to the Yukon.

Reduced harvest beyond the River systems need to be implemented and time reduced in all Intercept Fisheries where they

Are Known

And to work with the North Pacific
Fisheries Management Council to reduce
bycatch for chinook and chum salmon
for returns to the AYK Region again
2/3rds of the department's management
Area need your help to restore
our salmon returns before we
deem them endangered and nobody
will fish like on the Yukon today

Lastly find every means to meet our
treaty obligations with Canada
Ironically if you do you will
be helping us

Quyaana - Thank you