

**Middle Yukon Advisory Committee
10/30/2018
Nulato Tribal Council Office**

- I. Call to Order: 12:09 by Vice Chair Richard Burnham
- II. Roll Call: Paddy Nollner, Fred Huntington, Dick Evens; Galena Benedict Jones, Percy Lolnitz, Tommy Kriska; Koyukuk Arnold Demoski, Micky Stickman, Maurice McGinty; Nulato Richard Burnham, Tommy Negalska, Nulato
Members Absent (Excused): Mark Huntington, Kevin Saunders, Justim Esmailka
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glenn Stout, Sara Longson (DWC); Holly Carroll, Jeff Estensen (DCF) Brooke McDavid (SUBS)
- VI. Guests Present: Georgiana Madros, Robert Nicholas, Patrick Madros Jr
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

Nulato Elections held. Richard Burnham and Tommy Negalska retained their seats. Georgiana Madros and Patrick Madros Jr were elected to replace Kevin Saunders and Justin Esmailka.

Concerns of the AC Members and public:

Discussion was focused on the changes that the Middle Yukon communities are faced with concerning climate change, multiple instances offered of how animal and fish behavior is different. Concern with the rigidness of hunting seasons with these changes.

Concern with nonlocal hunters taking moose; planes coming into remote locations and potentially taking illegal moose.

Interest in more local people getting the local drawing hunt permits as well as unallocated drawing hunts.

Concern voiced over the state not caring about the subsistence needs of the people, that the state makes money off guided nonresident hunters and that those people are who it caters to.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Proposals

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
86	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area		
Support with amendment	13	0	While we would support this district wide, we don't want to ask for too much and then be told 'no'. would rather have these rivers be like this then no changes.
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		
Oppose	2	11	Members concerned with access points in the upriver to roads, the best way to restrict fishing is with closures and not gear types, and noted that the people in the upper portion of the river having families that need to be fed as well We had to fight a long time to get a drift fishery here, had to prove they were needed, and the eddies up river are in rock and are not going to get washed away like is happening to ours.
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
Support	13	0	We don't use liveboxes here
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
Support	13	0	We support subsistence; dip nets are not easy to use and it gives the department another tool to use
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Opposed	0	13	Opposed due to the reasons the department gives
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	13	The committee does not believe that the concerns over net size laid out by the author are true
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
Oppose	0	13	How many fish would be taken then? Not well worded
95	In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum		

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			distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of net gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet
96			Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts
97			Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts
98			Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area
Oppose	0	13	For reasons laid out by department
99			Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area
100			Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets
Opposed	0	13	For reasons laid out by department
101			Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order
Support	13	0	For reasons laid out by department
178			Allow chum salmon to be taken by drift gillnets after August 2 nd in Yukon River Subdistrict 4-A downstream from the mouth of Stink Creek
Support	13	0	Aligning the seasons for this district is a good idea

Last meeting the AC wanted to submit an ACR to the Board of Game allowing a spring moose hunt. Glenn Stout wanted confirmation from the committee that this was something the AC still wanted as he had heard that some members were now not for it. Committee reviewed the area, the bag limit, permit issuance locations, and the antlerless authorization process as well as biological data for the proposed hunt area and decided they still wished to continue to submit the ACR.

Committee was given a very brief update on hunt and survey results on the moose population in the area.

Adjournment: 3:40 PM

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____