

Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

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Meeting Agenda

Date: 03/30-31/2017

Time: 9:00am

Place: Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center, Bethel

**Lunch will not be provided and the Group may choose to take a lunch break.*

Time Called to Order:

Chair: Bev Hoffman

Time Adjourned:

ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Upriver Elder:

Downriver Elder:

Commercial Fisher:

Lower River Subsistence:

Middle River Subsistence:

Upper River Subsistence:

Headwaters Subsistence:

QUORUM MET? Yes / No

Processor:

Member at Large:

Sport Fisher:

Western Interior RAC:

Y-K Delta RAC:

ADF&G:

INTRODUCTIONS:

INVOCATION:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *the agenda may be amended at this time.*

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

A. AGENCY PRESENTATIONS:

- **Commercial Processor** (Pacific Harvesters Seafoods; James Gonzalez) 20 min
- **CSRI Genetics** (ADF&G; Kyle Shedd) 30min
- **Subsistence Division projects** (ADF&G; Dave Runfola and Lisa Olson) 20 min
- **Community based projects** (BSFA; Joe Spaeder) 40 min
- **Commercial Fish Division projects** (ADF&G; Zach Liller) 30 min

B. 2017 FISHERY MANAGEMENT:

- **Board of Fish (BOF) Actions**
 - Tier II and Subsistence Permits (Proposals 275 & 276)
 - Non-salmon opportunity during early season closure (Proposal 279)
- **2017 Chinook Salmon Forecast**
 - Integrating mark/recapture for the 2017 season
- **Discussion On Specific Management Actions For 2017**
 - Date to begin early season closure (Subsistence Sections 1-3, 4, and 5)
 - Use of 4-inch mesh gillnets during early season closure
 - Tributary closures (Kwethluk, Kisaralik, Kasigluk, Tuluksak, and Aniak rivers)
 - Use of live release gear (fish wheels, dip nets, beach seines, and hook and line)
- **Update on the Kuskokwim River Partnership Project**
 - Discussion on where the department is on restructuring the Working Group
 - US Fish and Wildlife collaboration

C. WORKING GROUP BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of Co-Chair Letter that was Distributed**
- **Election of Co-Chairs**
- **Discussion of Vacant Seats**
- **Discussion on Adding Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Seats to the Working Group**
- **Working Group In-Season Meeting Schedule**

D. COMMENTS FROM WORKING GROUP MEMBERS:

NEXT MEETING DATE: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____