

Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

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August 28, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. on Wednesday August 28, 2019 and adjourned at 10: 48 a.m. Meeting time was approximately 45 minutes. Eight full voting members were present and a quorum was established. Alissa N. Rogers chaired the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

USFWS/KRITFC Update:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Management Actions Under Consideration:

People to be Heard:

Continuing Business:

Old Business Discussion Topics:

New Business Discussion Topics:

- Action Agenda for subsistence board

WORKING GROUP ACTION ITEMS:

WORKING GROUP MOTIONS:

1. Approve the agenda. *Passed (Unanimous)*
2. Adjourn at 10:48 p.m. *Passed (Unanimous)*

3. **KRITFC/ USFWS UPDATE:** Gary Decossas (USFWS) had no updates to give at this time.

4. **ADF&G MANAGEMENT ACTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION:** Ben Gray (ADF&G, Assistant Area Management Biologist) remarked that the Department had no actions under consideration at this time. Mr. Gray commented that they were monitoring Coho escapement at the weirs.

5. **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:**

- **SUBSISTENCE REPORTS:**

- **Lower River:** Alissa Rogers (Lower River Subsistence) commented that all drifts were successful and caught eighty fish.
- **Middle River:** Lisa Feyereisen (Middle River Subsistence alternate) commented that people were satisfied with fishing this season.
- **Upriver:** No Upriver members were present.

- **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

1. **Overview of Kuskokwim River Salmon Run Assessment Projects:** Nick Smith (ADF&G) provided an overview of the ADF&G assessment projects. *(For more information on the 2019 in season assessment projects, please see the July 3 Informational Packet).*
 - **Bethel Test Fish:** Overall, Bethel Test Fish had a successful season. Operations ceased August 24th.
 - **Sonar:** Overall, sonar had a successful season. Operations ceased July 26th.
 - **Weirs:** Chinook salmon escapement goals were met at the Kwethluk River weir and exceeded at the George and Kogrukluk River weirs. Both chum and sockeye salmon escapement goals were also

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exceeded at the Kogruklu River weir. Coho salmon escapement at Kogruklu is lower than recent years, however, we have still not reached the historic midpoint of the run at this location. The Department is monitoring escapement at this location, as well as Kwethluk and George River weirs.

- Subsistence Division project update: No projects in the water.
- 2. **Sport Fishing:** Lamont Albertson (Sport Fishing) reported that fishing guides are doing well and are happy with the Coho run this season.
- 3. **Discussion of ADF&G Management considerations and discussion of possible alternatives:**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Action Agenda for subsistence board:** Lamont Albertson (Sport Fishing) commented that people in Aniak commented on the negative impacts of sport fishing during subsistence moose hunting season.

WORKING GROUP MOTIONS:

1. **Approve the agenda. Passed (Unanimous)**
2. **Adjourn at 10:48 p.m. Passed (Unanimous)**

COMMENTS FROM THE WORKING GROUP: *No additional comments were provided from the Working Group members.*

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WORKING GROUP ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER SEAT:	NAME:
DOWNRIVER ELDER	John W. Andrew
UPRIVER ELDER	Absent
LOWER RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Alissa Rogers
MIDDLE RIVER SUBSISTENCE	Lisa Feyereisen
UPRIVER SUBSISTENCE	Absent
HEADWATERS SUBSISTENCE	Absent
MEMBER AT LARGE	Albert Kawagley
WESTERN INTERIOR RAC	Ray Collins
YK DELTA RAC	John W. Andrew
COMMERCIAL FISHING	Greg Hoffman Jr.
SPORT FISHING	LaMont Albertson
PROCESSOR	<i>Vacant</i>
KRITFC	Absent
ADF&G	Ben Gray
CHAIR	Alissa N. Rogers

Other Participants:		
<u>ADF&G Comm. Fish:</u> Ben Gray, Nick Smith, Lily Reichard, Zach Liller, Keegan Birchfield <u>Sport Fish:</u> John Chythlook <u>Subsistence Division:</u> Dave Runfola		
<u>USFWS:</u> Aaron Moses, Gary Decossas <u>OSM:</u>		
Dan Gillikin (NVN) Janessa (ONC)	Jennifer Hooper (AVCP) John Orr (AVCP)	<u>Media:</u> <u>WG Alternates:</u>

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (**ADF&G, department, State**), Orutsaranmiut Traditional Native Council (**OTNC**), Association of Village Council Presidents (**AVCP**), Georgetown Traditional Council (**GTC**), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (**USFWS**), Bethel Test Fishery project (**BTF**), Catch Per Unit Effort (**CPUE**), Coastal Village Seafoods (**CVS**), ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Division (**CF**), ADF&G Sport Fisheries Division (**SF**), Regional Advisory Council (**RAC**), Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group (**KRSMWG, Working Group, or WG**), Sustainable Escapement Goal (**SEG**), Biological Escapement Goal (**BEG**), Management Objective (**MO**), Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence (**ANS**), Emergency Order (**EO**), Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (**BSFA**), Law Enforcement (**LE**), Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (**KRITFC**), Native Village of Napaimute (**NVN**), Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (**YKHC**), Alaska State Troopers (**AST**), University of Alaska Fairbanks (**UAF**)

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