

AVCP

ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS
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Resolution 12-10

Title: Elders 70 years and over exemption from subsistence restrictions and closures.

Whereas The Association of Village Council Presidents, INC, (AVCP) is the recognized tribal organization and non-profit Alaska Native regional corporation for its fifty-six member indigenous Native villages within Western Alaska and supports the endeavors of its members villages; and

WHEREAS; AVCP fully supports its member villages in all aspects of their self-determination, health and well-being; and

Whereas; we have Elder's that are age of 70 years and over that and their Tribes are Federally recognized Tribe, and

Whereas; these Elders there are active and capable of subsistence fishing on both the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers that, and

Whereas; the Elders deserve to subsistence fish without any restrictions on any given day even on both State and Federal Subsistence closures, and

Whereas; these Elders from the Federally Recognized Tribes from both Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers heavily depend on salmon resources to feed their families, and

Whereas; it is important that these Elders practice the subsistence way of life for both cultural and traditional way it is an aboriginal right, and

Whereas; these Elders have lived a hard life only on fixed income all their lives, and

Whereas; during State and Federal Subsistence closures they suffer spiritually, physically, and emotionally depressed, and

Whereas; the Subsistence closures jeopardizes the health, lives, and well being of these Elders, and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT; capable Elders at the age of 70 years and over that are members of the Federally Recognized Tribes from both the Yukon and Kuskowim Rivers be exempt from any subsistence restrictions and closures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; the full Governing Body of A.V.C.P supports and passes this resolution for the sake of Elders 70 years and over who are capable of subsistence fishing on both the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers are no longer suffer and be exempt from subsidence closures and restrictions, and

Adopt by the Association of Village Council Presidents during its forty seventh annual convention at Bethel, Alaska, this 3rd day of October, 2012 with a duly constituted quorum of delegates.

Certified:

Raymond Watson, Chairman

Myron Naneng, President