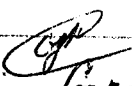


Comments on RC 54 - 1/18/2013

Just a note to affirm our support of this language amending the Kuskokwim River Salmon Mgmt Plan. These changes incorporate, & largely address many of the major concerns we had coming into this meeting especially regarding mgmt implications under the recently revised lowering of escapement goals ~~within~~ a drainage-wide ~~concept~~ context.

Though some issues ^{topics} remain (as always), we will continue to address these matters thru the Working Group process (quality/productivity aspects of escapement, ^{etc.}) during the interim of our area's next BOF regulatory cycle. Again I would re-emphasize our appreciation of the Dept's Kuskokwim Area staff & admin in their openness to work with us in developing these amendments to help resolve some these ^{highly} contentious matters. I believe that what we have here may be ~~potential~~ ^{gained} ~~considered~~ ^{considered} a win-win at present for all involved.

Quyana for your support & positive consideration.

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