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Support Proposals 89, 90, 93, and 101
Oppose Proposals 92 and 96

Good Moring Mr. Chair and members of the Board.

Although there is always disagreement on specific management actions, YDFDA generally supports the management of ADF&G in the Yukon Area. YDFDA believe that ADF&G can do a better job reacting to fish and fishery changes if they have the tools to do so. Adaptive management to changing conditions requires management to be flexible. Therefore, YDFDA supports the following proposals that grant Emergency Order Authority to the department:

Proposal 89, which grants EO authority to the department to allow the retention of king salmon from the conservation fisheries when appropriate.

Proposal: 90, which grants EO authority to the department to set the time before opening the commercial fishing season.

Proposal 93, which grants EO authority to relax the marking of subsistence-caught king salmon when there is no directed commercial king salmon fishery.

Proposal 101 which grants EO authority to close the fall fishing season.

YDFDA opposes those proposals that take the department's EO authority away

Proposal 92; this proposal seeks to take the department's EO authority away from ADF&G to vary the gillnet mesh size in District 4, 5, and 6.

Proposal 96 which takes away the EO authority that would liberalize the normal subsistence fishing schedule in District 5. Although ADF&G would have the EO authority to reduce the fishing time from continuous fishing, if this proposal passes, this reduction would be considered a restriction on subsistence which may have unforeseen ramifications.