

NORTHWEST ARCTIC REPORT

FOR THE ALASKA CHINOOK

SALMON SYMPOSIUM

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"When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an outlaw."- Nelson Mandela

This report embodies the findings and recommendations of member organizations from the Northwest Arctic Region that serve a population that has been under represented, and undermined, in the management of our subsistence and commercial fisheries. The subsistence fisheries have and always will be the utmost important issue to sustain the lives of this generation and future generations. What remains paramount is preparation to improve Alaska's overall Chinook salmon abundance using the best available science for the conservation of the resource and our way of life. These recommendations are not conclusive and will change accordingly.

- 1. ESCAPEMENT GOALS (EG). MAINTAINING CONSISTENT EG'S WILL TO AVOID THE PITFALL OF THE "SHIFTING BASE LINE SYNDROME"**
- 2. EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ALASKA'S CHINOOK SALMON STOCKS.**
- 3. CATCH AND RELEASE STUDY ON MORTALITY OF CHINOOK SALMON & INCLUSION IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL PRODUCTIVITY OF CHINOOK SALMON.**
- 4. UTILIZE UNALAKLEET/SHAKTOOLIK RIVER SYSTEM FOR SURROGATE EGG TAKE FOR HATCHERY ENHANCEMENT**
- 5. NEED TO FILL THE GAP IN DISPARITY OF FUNDING FOR GENETIC STUDIES BETWEEN SOUTH EAST AND THE AYK FOR INCREASED BASELINE DEVELOPMENT.**
- 6. INCLUSION OF TEK & LOCAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS**
- 7. CALL FOR CHINOOK SALMON SYMPOSIUMS BE INCLUSIVE OF ALL USER GROUPS AND TO BE HELD ANNUALLY TO DETERMINE PROGRESS ON FINDINGS THAT CLEARLY STATE DELIVERABLES**
- 8. INCLUSION OF AYK REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CHINOOK SALMON SYMPOSIUM STEERING COMMITTEE**

9. INCLUDE KWININUK RIVER FOR DATA PURPOSES AS A STATEWIDE INDICATOR OR NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 5 & 6