

Public Testimony

Good afternoon!
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For the record, I represent the Alakanuk Native Corporation.

The community residents of Alakanuk gathered together and had a meeting on the Board of Fisheries Proposals for the Arctic - Yukon Kuskokwim. Yukon River proposals summaries.

We speak with a unified voice to dissent and oppose proposals: 131, 132, 135, 136, 140, 141, 142, 144, 145, 146, 149, 150.

Alaska Board of Fisheries council members:

Please do not require the pulse protection in the King Salmon Management Plan!

Please do not prohibit the commercial sale of king salmon from the Yukon River drainage unless there is a directed king salmon commercial fishery!

Please do not allow a commercial chum salmon fishery with a 6 - inch or smaller mesh in the Yukon River beginning July 1, during times of conservation of king salmon!

Please do not cap the bycatch of king salmon in the summer chum fishery in districts 1 and 2 at 2,000 fish!

Please do not allow only 6 - inch stretched mesh gill net gear in the Yukon River Drainage!

Please do not create a harvest reporting system for subsistence taken salmon in the Yukon River!

Please do not revert back to a windows only fishing schedule in the Yukon River!

Please do not allow for concurrent subsistence and commercial fishing periods in districts 1 to 3 of the Yukon Area!

Please do not open Yukon River district 5 - D from July 4 to 18 for subsistence fishing!

Please do not restrict gill nets to 35 meshes in depth in the Yukon River drainage!

Please do not restrict the depth of subsistence and commercial nets in districts Y - 1 to Y - 5 to 35 meshes!

We approve and support proposals: 130, 133, 134, 138, 143, 151, 152, 154.

We abstain proposals: 137, 139, 147, 148, 153.