

Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

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Meeting Agenda

Date: April 3 & 4, 2018

Time: April 3, 1:00pm; April 4, 8:30am

Place: William Jack

Hernandez Hatchery, ANC

**Lunch will not be provided and the Group may choose to take a lunch break.*

Time Called to Order:

Chair:

Time Adjourned:

ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Upriver Elder:

Downriver Elder:

Commercial Fisher:

Lower River Subsistence:

Middle River Subsistence:

Upper River Subsistence:

Headwaters Subsistence:

QUORUM MET? Yes / No

Processor:

Member at Large:

Sport Fisher:

Western Interior RAC:

Y-K Delta RAC:

KRITFC:

ADF&G:

INTRODUCTIONS:

INVOCATION:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *the agenda may be amended at this time.*

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

A. PRESENTATIONS:

- **Southern Bering Sea Trawl Survey** (ADF&G, Sabrina Garcia) *30 min*
- **Community Based Harvest Monitoring** (KRITFC; Mary Peltola or Bill Bechtol) *10 min*
- **Commercial Fish Division assessment projects** (ADF&G; Nick Smith)

B. Poster Session/ In Person Q&A

C. 2018 FISHERY MANAGEMENT:

- **2017 Fishing Season Recap**
 - 2017 Assessment projects review
 - Preliminary 2017 Chinook salmon run reconstruction and drainage wide escapement estimate
- **2018 Chinook Salmon Forecast**
- **ADF&G Management Presentation** (Aaron Tiernan)
- **Discussion On Specific Management Actions For 2018**
 - Date to begin early season closure (Subsistence Sections 1–3, 4, and 5)
 - Use of 4-inch mesh gillnets during early season closure
 - Tributary closures (Kwethluk, Kisaralik, Kasigluk, Tuluksak, and Aniak rivers)
 - Non-Salmon Tributaries (i.e. Gweek, Tunt, Johnson rivers)
 - Use of live release gear (fish wheels, dip nets, beach seines, and hook and line)
 - State waters permit program, new for the 2018 season. (ADF&G, Dave R.)
- **Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal Deadline, April 10**
- **Progress of Escapement Goal Review process and update of the Run Reconstruction Model**

D. WORKING GROUP BUSINESS:

- **Election of Co-Chairs**
- **Discussion of Vacant Seats**
- **Working Group In-Season Meeting Schedule**
- **Nominate WG representative to serve at KRITFC inseason meetings**
- **Nominate WG representative to attend upcoming KRITFC Joint Fisheries Management meeting**
- **Discussion of WG member nomination process**

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E. COMMENTS FROM WORKING GROUP MEMBERS:

NEXT MEETING DATE: _____ **Time:** _____ **Place:** _____