

ABSTRACT

The Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group (Working Group) was formed in 1988 by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). Working Group meetings provide the forum for area fishermen, user representatives, community representatives, Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (RAC) representatives, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Advisory Committee members and State and Federal managers to come together and discuss issues relevant to management of Kuskokwim River salmon populations. The Working Group meets several times a year to review run assessment information and strives to reach a consensus on how to proceed with management of Kuskokwim River salmon fisheries. The first meeting of 2009 was held in March in conjunction with the ADF&G Kuskokwim Area Interagency meeting, and inseason meetings occurred during May through August. A summary and review session was held in late September, for a total of 16 meetings in 2009.

Key words: subsistence fishing, commercial fishing, recreational fishing, salmon fishery management, Bethel, Kuskokwim River, Chinook *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, chum *O. keta*, sockeye *O. nerka*, and coho salmon *O. kisutch*.