

Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Correspondence Update

At the Winter 2022 meeting, the Council voted to send four letters on a variety of topics related to subsistence and to be a signatory on two joint- Council letters related to salmon bycatch. See below for a summary:

Letter Topic	Recipient	Notes/ Follow-up
Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch (Joint letter from 4 Yukon RACs)	Federal Subsistence Board	The Board discussed this topic at their July meeting and voted to forward Councils' concerns to the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture.
Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch (Joint letter from 4 Yukon RACs)	North Pacific Fishery Management Council	In addition to mailing, joint letter also submitted as public comment for June NPFMC meeting. Dr. Diana Stram provided a copy of a presentation for Council with NPFMC updates.
Fall chum Bycatch and Research	North Pacific Fishery Management Council	In addition to mailing, will plan to also submit letter as a public comment for December NPFMC meeting when salmon bycatch will on the agenda
Fall chum Bycatch and Research	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Alaska Bycatch Review Taskforce in process of finalizing research recommendations. Western AK Salmon Committee finalizing recommendations for public engagement on bycatch issue.
Dennison Headwaters Cabin Staking Program	Alaska Department of Natural Resources	Dennison Headwaters project is not moving forward at this time. Alternatives being explored by DNR. For details you may call Colin Craven, DNR Land Sales, at 907-451-2730.
HR4715 Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act of 2021	Federal Subsistence Board	Council concerns are being forwarded to the requested recipients. The Bill has not moved out of Committee as of 9/16/22. FWS staff may have additional updates at the Fall 2022 meeting.