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## **Public Hearing announced for Fisheries Special Action Request FSA 18-01 regarding Kuskokwim River Salmon fisheries**

A public hearing is scheduled for 6:00–8:00 p.m., March 14, 2018, at the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) Regional Housing Authority Conference Room (411 Ptarmigan Street) in Bethel to receive testimony on a temporary special action request received by the Federal Subsistence Board (Board).

Temporary Special Action Request FSA18-01, submitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), requests the following from the Board:

- Close Federal public waters of the Kuskokwim River drainage to the harvest of Chinook Salmon except by Federally qualified subsistence users beginning June 12, 2018, and lasting until August 30, 2018, unless the Federal in-season manager re-opens Federal public waters of the Kuskokwim River drainage to the harvest of Chinook Salmon by non-Federally qualified users, or when superseded by subsequent special actions, and
- Reduce the pool of eligible harvesters based on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Section 804 Subsistence User Prioritization that was implemented in 2017.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this hearing in person or by calling the telephone number provided below. When prompted, enter the passcode. Comments will be forwarded to the Board for consideration on the temporary special action request. For more information, go to <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions>.

Public Hearing information is as follows:

### **Bethel**

6:00–8:00 p.m., March 14, 2018  
AVCP Regional Housing Authority  
411 Ptarmigan Street  
Bethel, AK 99559  
Teleconference: Toll Free: (888) 455-5897  
Passcode: 3344290

The Board is committed to providing access to this public hearing for all participants. Please direct requests for sign language interpreting services or other accommodation needs to the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or 1 (907) 786-3888 or by e-mail [subsistence@fws.gov](mailto:subsistence@fws.gov) at least seven business days prior to the meeting.

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