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## **Public Hearing announced for Fisheries Special Action Request FSA18-03 regarding Kuskokwim River Salmon fisheries**

A public hearing is scheduled for 6:00–8:00 p.m., April 19, 2018, at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center at 420 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway in Bethel to receive testimony on a temporary special action request received by the Federal Subsistence Board (Board).

Temporary Special Action Request FSA18-03, submitted by the Akiak Native Community, 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 possessing a community harvest permit between May 20, 2018 and July 1, 2018,
- 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, and
- Establish a harvest allocation of Chinook Salmon similar to what was implemented in 2015.

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., April 19, 2018  
Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center  
420 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway  
Bethel, AK  
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 (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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