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Public Hearing announced for Fisheries Special Action Request FSA19-02 regarding Kuskokwim River Chinook Salmon Fishery

A public hearing is scheduled for 6:00–8:00 p.m., March 28, 2019, at the AVCP Regional Housing Authority Conference Room at 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 FSA19-02, 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 June 1, 2019 and July 1, 2019;
- 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;
- Conduct tribal consultation about developing an appropriate Chinook Salmon harvest allocation strategy with the Federally recognized tribes named in the 2014 OSM Section 804 analysis; and
- Allow fishing under a community allocation system with harvest reported to community harvest monitors.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing in person or by calling the toll-free 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 www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions.

Public Hearing information is as follows:

Bethel

6:00–8:00 p.m., March 28, 2019
AVCP Regional Housing Authority Conference Room
411 Ptarmigan Street

Teleconference: Toll Free: (877) 601-4711
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 at least seven business days prior to the meeting.

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