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**DRAFT – Potential KSSP/BOF generated proposal**

In accordance with A.S. 16.05.330; within 5 AAC 01.280, create a Community Harvest and/or Household permit opportunity for the Kuskokwim Management Area under a Conditional Tier 1 permit for subsistence, that incorporates the C & T subsistence use pattern involved with air drying and smoking that include/exhibit the following characteristics:

1. Long term drying racks w/ a smoke house established for processing quantities of fish and significant time/effort required for participation in this pattern of use
2. Salvage/preservation of majority of carcass, (excluding viscera) for human consumption
3. Includes extended sharing of activities involving harvest, processing and preservation in processing activities and extended sharing of harvest within the community.
4. A pattern of use dependent on earlier season harvest for preservation due to more favorable weather conditions that reduce waste and spoilage concerns; and recognizes conflict with later seasonal subsistence activities that are also dependent on, and/or limited to, short periods for effective harvest due to weather factors etc., inherent to seasonal round aspect of subsistence activities.
5. Incorporates reliance on this use pattern for reasonable opportunity in providing for their subsistence needs and amounts necessary.

Other aspects of this permit could include 1) pre-season registration; 2) harvest limits (ranges?) of 20-50 +/- chinook per permit as determined by pre-season run forecasts (potential trigger of 180,000 or less?) and observed surplus available in-season; 3) start date of appx June 10 +/-; 4) affidavit and/or physical location of drying rack/smoke house associated w/ permit; 5) ...

*Reasonable opportunity for other contemporary subsistence use patterns not dependent on seasonal aspects of Chinook salmon harvest, c/would still be fully accommodated through unrestricted incidental harvest occurring later in season that is associated with the run overlap timing of directed chum and sockeye salmon harvest.*



**Bethel Fish & Game Advisory & ONC Subsistence Committee meetings  
1/12-13/2015**

Initial recommendations to BOF Chinook Subsistence Panel (1/15-16/15)

As long as current depleted King run conditions continue, maintain 4" or less mesh restrictions in 2015 with up to 2 openings per week, until the Kusko Salmon Mgmt Working Group and the area manager determines that 75% of the King run has passed the Bethel Test Fishery.

4" or less mesh, fish wheels, beach seines or dip nets only beginning May 15, 2015 (or potential of dip net/beach seine only openings).

When limited to 4" or less mesh/60' setnet; Only 1 net per household allowed & net must be attached to the bank. (Potential amendment of BOF Proposal #271)

Alternate days of fishing (windows) when gear liberalization is implemented following the 75% BTF passage trigger point referenced above.

Do not support pursuit of Tier II fishery - maintain closures/restrictions until a Tier I status can be achieved. If above not deemed realistic or necessary maintain current

Look further into Tier I permit system with customary/traditional use criteria conditions incorporated, potential harvest limits, and/or length of years included in eligibility score; and further exploration of community harvest permit potential

No nets or fish wheels allowed in salmon spawning tributaries; or, within 1 mile of tributary mouth

No commercial sale/purchase of Kings including Districts 4 & 5 (Quinhagak/Goodnews)

Continue pursuit of equitable test fish distribution.

Further investigation/pursuit of potential enhancement projects