



## **Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Task Force – 2015/2016**

### **Overview**

The mission of this task force is to identify a set of recommended adjustments to the Kenai Salmon Management Plans that would result in accommodating subsistence needs, sport, guided sport, personal use and drift gillnet fishing and set gillnet fishing opportunity while providing the best means of attaining the escapement goals for the Kenai Salmon during times of low King Salmon abundance.

The original task force mission states it will be co-chaired by Members XX and XX and consist of another ten members as selected by the co-chairs: two Cook Inlet Set Gillnet fishers, one Cook Inlet Drift Gillnet fisher, two sport fishers, one sport guide, two Kenai Peninsula AC representatives and two Federal Subsistence representatives.

### **Mission and Organization Statement, UCI – Task Force**

The Mission of this Task Force is to identify a set of recommended adjustments to the Kenai Salmon Management Plans that would result in the best mix of in-river (sport, guided sport, personal use, federal subsistence) and Upper Subdistrict set gill net fishing opportunity while providing the best means of attaining the salmon escapement goals for Kenai River Salmon during low King Salmon abundance. The primary goal of the Task Force is to reach agreement on a set of provisions to be brought before the Board of Fisheries during the 2015/2016 Board Cycle (during the Statewide Fishfish Meeting in March 2016) that, if adopted by the Board, would modify Kenai River Salmon Management Plans for the purposes of meeting the above-stated mission. Since the Kenai Salmon Management Plans have linkages between restrictions on subsistence users, in-river fishers and set gillnet fishers, it is anticipated that the Task Force's work product will be moved forward as a Board-Generated ACR Proposal.

The Task Force will be co-chaired by two Members and consist of another ten members as selected by the co-chairs: two Cook Inlet Set Gillnet fishers, one Cook Inlet Drift Gillnet fisher, two sport fishers, one sport guide, two Kenai Peninsula AC representatives and two Federal Subsistence representatives. ADF&G staff will participate as appropriate.

The co-chairs will solicit interest from the public upon creation of the Task Force by the Board of Fisheries and selection of members will be finalized by April 15, 2015.

The first meeting will occur on or, about May 15<sup>th</sup>. During the first meeting, a tentative schedule for the meetings of the Task Force will be developed with the intent of finalizing its work in time for submission as a public comment for the Statewide Finfish meeting in March 2016.

It is anticipated all meeting will be held in Kenai.



## **Upper Cook Inlet Task Force Members**

Co-chairs XX and XX selection of the nine Members for the Kenai River Salmon Management Plan Task Force are listed below:

### **Set Gillnet:**

1. XX
2. XX

### **Drift Gillnet:**

1. XX

### **Sport Fisher:**

1. XX
2. XX

### **Sport Guide:**

1. XX

### **AC Representatives:**

1. XX
2. XX

### **Federal Subsistence Representatives:**

1. XX
2. XX