

Minto Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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McGrath	Yukon Flats

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To the Members of North Pacific Fisheries Management Council;

At the Minto Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee 2015 meeting, our committee discussed the continual discrepancy between commercial fishermen operating in the Bering Sea and the subsistence restrictions placed on fishermen that depend on salmon for not only food needs, but also cultural needs as well. We believe that our communities are not only being starved of our fish resources, but also starved of much needed cultural resource as well.

We ask that the Board of Fisheries as well as the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council consider this when discussion of any commercial fishing activities in the Bering Sea take place, especially those fisheries that have Yukon salmon be a part of their bycatch, such as the pollock fishery. Commercial fishermen should have to sacrifice their seasons as the subsistence fishermen of the Yukon have been made to do.

cc: Alaska Board of Fisheries