**Middle Yukon Advisory Committee**

**12/12/2013**

**Teleconference**

1. Call to Order: Benedict Jones at 11:45 am
2. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Paddy Nollner, Galena

Fred Huntington, Galena

Benedict Jones, Koyukuk

Cindi Pilot, Koyukuk

Arnold Demoski, Nulato

Michael Stickman, Nulato

Richard Burnham, Kaltag

Members Absent:

Charlie Green

Dick Evans

Douglas Patsy

Kevin Saunders

Tommy Negalska

Justin Esmailka

All excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

1. Approval of Agenda: Abbreviated Agenda Approved; AC will only cover fisheries related topics and comment on FSB proposals in teleconference.
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: April 15, 2013- Galena; Waved until the next face to face meeting.
3. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Estensen, Eric Newland, Glenn Stout, Nissa Pilcher
4. Guests Present: Fred Bue, FWS
5. New Business:

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| **BOG or BOF** | **Proposal Number** | **Proposal Description** | |
| **Supports or Opposes?** | **Number Support** | **Number Oppose** | **Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal** |
| BOF | 371 | Remove the dip net size restrictions for the Yukon Area districts 1-3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries. | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | 1 member abstained since no one utilizes the commercial fishing opportunities in District 1-3 in the Middle Yukon area, but fish mostly in District 4.  Members believe that this method as it currently stands should be implemented for at least an entire cycle to see how it is working before changing it. Concern expressed over leaving the size of the dip nets with no limits, and also for the potential for seeing a proposal in the future to allow a machine to pull the dip nets, similar in idea to the power assisted fishing reels, instead of by people. Members believe the only way that the commercial dip nets should be operated is by manpower. |
| BOF | 372 | Define and allow use of a lead for commercial fish wheel gear. | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | Members believe that the lead is a part of a fish wheel, and so this should be defined to allow it to be used. |
| BOF | 373 | Remove the exception for a dead king salmon to be taken, but not retained, in the Yukon Area districts 1-3 dip net and beach seine commercial summer chum salmon fisheries. | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | The AC believes that the concerns laid out by the Department are very justifiable, and every Chinook that goes up river to spawn is important. |
| BOF | ACR 4  (Proposal # not released at this time) | Establish monofilament purse seines as a new legal gear for the Yukon Area districts 1-3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries. | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 | The AC is very concerned with this proposal, and believes that it should not pass. Concern was expressed over why this was taken up at this time since it did not pass ACR criteria in October. Extreme concern was expressed on the ability to selectively release Chinook salmon in a timely manner unharmed, regardless if this proposal passes as written or if it is amended to remove the ability to use monofilament. It was also noted that summer chum is becoming more popular to fill subsistence needs upriver now that kings are not really an option anymore, and that this could negatively impact the number of chum in the river which could impact the ability to meet those subsistence needs. |

Set new meeting date- January 9, 2014 in Kaltag

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 2:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher, INT RC, ADFG

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_