

# JUNE AREA M FISHING TIME AND BOARD OF FISH DECISION TO **NOT PROTECT** AYK CHUM SALMON

(February 20-27, 2023)

Representatives of **over 100 subsistence communities** in the AYK Region asked the Alaska Board of Fisheries to take action to **reduce fishing time to increase passage of severely declined AYK region chum salmon through the Area M June commercial fishery**. Additional fish passage is needed to allow sufficient returns to watersheds, meet escapement goals, and provide for subsistence fishing – the highest priorities under Alaska statute.

## STATUS QUO

2019 - 2022



From 2019 to 2022, the Board of Fish provided the South Alaska Peninsula June fishery with a total of 352 hours of commercial fishing in Area M.

## OUR ASK

60% REDUCTION



*Proposal 140* called for an approximate 60% reduction in fishing time in 2023-25 seasons for Area M (South Alaska Peninsula June salmon) fishery compared to the regulations for 2019-22.

## THE OUTCOME

12% REDUCTION



Final action by the Alaska Board of Fish at their February 2023 meeting resulted in a small reduction in fishing time - only 12% - for the Area M fishery in 2023-25 compared to the 2019-22 regulations.