

**Eagle
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Central	Middle Nenana River
Delta	Middle Yukon River
Eagle	Minto-Nenana
Fairbanks	Ruby
GASH	Stony Holitna
Koyukuk River	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Lake Minchumina	Upper Tanana Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

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Resolution 4-13-23-C

Federal Non-Funding of Additional Hatcheries in Alaska

Whereas: All wild and hatchery Salmon stocks throughout the North Pacific and Bering Sea regions are returning at a younger age and smaller size.

Whereas: Extensive research confirms that high releases of hatchery salmon is a leading cause of depletion of marine food biomass for developing Wild Alaskan Salmon stocks.

Whereas: loss of biomass of Zooplankton and other critical foods is causing serious decline in the marine food chain, of which wild Salmon stocks are dependent. They are stressed by lack of food and are therefore returning at an earlier age and smaller size with less eggs and fat reserves to make the long migration to Canadian spawning streams

Whereas: in an agreement reached with the Board of Fisheries in the year 2000 Alaska Hatcheries pledged to reduce production by 25%. Instead, over the next decade, they increased production by 150%, thus flooding the marine ecosystem with voracious Pink Salmon to the detriment of wild salmon stocks.

Whereas: Hatchery production has resulted in the long term genetic degradation of wild salmon stocks all over the world.

Whereas: building hatcheries on the Yukon River is in direct conflict with the Pacific Salmon Treaty of which the U.S.A and Canada are party to.

Whereas: decreases of Western Alaska and AYK wild salmon stock numbers, size and fecundity has led to escapement goals not being met for the past four years.

Whereas: catastrophic decline of all salmon species of the Yukon river has allowed no subsistence harvest opportunity for Eagle and Eagle Village residents for the past 3 years, as well as countless others in communities and villages across the drainage.

Whereas: The complete loss of fishing opportunity has had, and continues to have, devastating negative impacts on food security, cultural practices, physical and mental health and Way of Life of Indigenous people and subsistence users of the Yukon River and its tributaries.

Whereas: Salmon are a keystone species of the Yukon Drainage ecosystem and the historically low runs in recent years threaten the ecological stability of the entire region.

Therefore be it **Resolved:** the Eagle AC request that the United States of America Congress will not appropriate monies for new hatchery production or the increase of hatchery production to the State of Alaska.


Therefore be it **Resolved:** if Federal monies are to be appropriated for the study of hatchery viability they should fund independent non governmental research, not to be conducted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife service. Monies should go to independent Universities or other organizations, which have no stake in the outcomes of such research.

Supported by unanimous vote of the Eagle Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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