

Kuskokwim River Salmon management working group support

Abstract: The Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group (Working Group) was formed in 1988 by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in response to requests from people in the Kuskokwim Area who wanted to take a more active role in the management of their salmon (*Oncorhynchus*) fishery resources. Since then the Working Group has become increasingly active in the pre-season, in-season, and post-season management of the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence, commercial, and sport salmon fisheries. The Working Group now serves as a public forum for fisheries managers to meet with local users of the salmon resource to review run assessment information and reach a consensus on how to proceed with management of Kuskokwim River salmon fisheries. The Working Group typically first meets in March or April each calendar year; has intensive and frequent meetings during June, July, and August; and has a wrap-up session in September or October. Fishery Information Services (FIS) Study 01-016 funds a Working Group Coordinator position, Working Group meeting costs, travel for Working Group members to attend appropriate salmon-related meetings, and costs related to keeping appropriate government agencies, non-government organizations, and the public informed about Kuskokwim salmon management meetings, issues, and actions.

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