

## ABSTRACT

The Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group (Working Group) was formed in 1988 by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). Working Group meetings provide the forum for area fishermen, user representatives, community representatives, Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (RAC) representatives, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Advisory Committee members and State and Federal managers to come together and discuss issues relevant to management of Kuskokwim River salmon populations. The Working Group meets several times a year to review run assessment information and strives to reach a consensus on how to proceed with management of Kuskokwim River salmon fisheries. The Fisheries Information Services (FIS) Division of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) provides funding the Working Group under the Inseason Support for Cooperative Management of the Kuskokwim River Subsistence Fishery project (FIS 06-307). The first Working Group meeting was in June, with a total of 10 meetings held in 2008. Inseason meetings occurred during June, July and August. A summary and review session was held in September.

Key words: subsistence fishing, commercial fishing, recreational fishing, salmon fishery management, Bethel, Kuskokwim River, Chinook *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, chum *O. keta*, sockeye *O. nerka*, and coho *O. kisutch* salmon.