



Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association

Annual Meeting

March 22-23, 2022

**Alaska Pacific University
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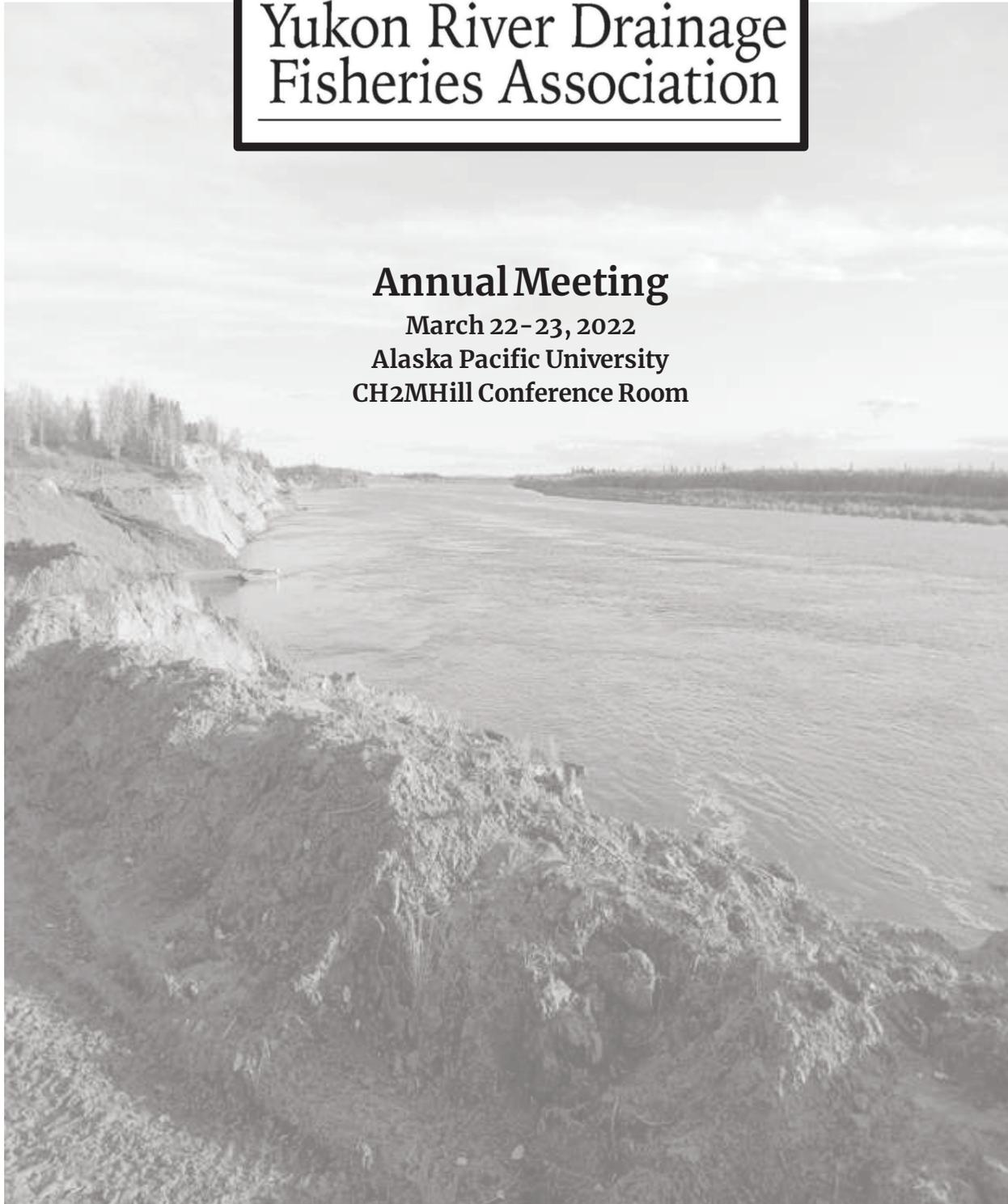


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Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association

Protecting and promoting all healthy wild fisheries and cultures along the Yukon River drainage

Fishing District	Board Member	Community	Alternate	Community
Coastal District	Lester Wilde	Hooper Bay	Richard Tuluk	Chevak
Y1, Seat 1	Stanley Pete	Nunam Iqua	Paul Andrews	Emmonak
Y1, Seat 2	Allen Hansen	Alakanuk	Marvin Okitkun	Kotlik
Y1, Seat 3	Camille Augline	Alakanuk		
Y2, Seat 1	Bill Alstrom	St. Mary's		
Y2, Seat 2	Mike Peters	Marshall		
Y2, Seat 3	Michelle Peterson	Mt. Village		
Y3, Seat 1	Alfred Demientieff Jr.	Holy Cross	Basil Larson	Russian Mission
Y4, Seat 1	Fred Huntington, Sr.	Galena	Dick Evans	Galena
Y4, Seat 2	Richard Burnham	Kaltag	Robert Walker	Anvik
Y5, Seat 1	Charlie Wright	Rampart	James Roberts	Tanana
Y5, Seat 2	Stan Zuray	Tanana		
Y6, Seat 1	Dorothy Shockley	Manley Hot Springs		
Y6, Seat 2	Victor Lord	Nenana		
Koyukuk River	Pollock Simon, Sr.	Allakaket		
Flats, Seat 1	Jan Woodruff	Eagle	Rochelle Adams	Beaver
Canada	James MacDonald	Whitehorses	Carl Sidney	Teslin
Upper River Youth	Katlyn Zuray	Tanana		
Lower River Youth	Kerri Kelly	Pilot Station		



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YRDFA Annual Meeting
March 22-23, 2022
Alaska Pacific University
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

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| I. River Blessing | 8:30-9:00 |
| II. Invocation | 9:00-9:10 |
| A. Moment of Silence for Bill Derendoff | |
| III. Call Meeting to Order | 9:10-9:15 |
| IV. Roll Call | 9:15-9:30 |
| V. Guest Introductions | 9:30-10:00 |
| VI. Approval of Agenda | 10:00-10:05 |
| VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes | 10:15-10:30 |
| A. 2021 Annual Meeting | |
| B. E-Board Meeting - October 2021 | |

BREAK 10:30 am-10:45am

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| VIII. Public Comments | 10:45-11:15 |
| IX. Reports | 11:15-Noon |
| A. Board Reports | |
| B. Staff Reports | |
| 1. Director Report | |
| 2. Financial Report | |

LUNCH NOON-1:00 p.m.

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| X. Elections | 1:00-2:00pm |
| A. Retained Board Seats (ACTION ITEM) | |
| 1. Y1, Seat 3 - Camille Augline, Alakanuk | |
| 2. Y4, Seat 2 - Richard Burnham, Kaltag | |
| 3. Y6, Seat 2 - Victor Lord, Nenana | |
| B. Open Board Seats | |
| 1. Y2, Seat 3 - Michelle Peterson, Mt. Village | |
| a) Y2 District recommend Stanley Sheppard from Mt. Village | |
| 2. Y6, Seat 1 - Tim McManus, Nenana | |
| a) Y6 District Alt, retain by Dorothy Shockley, Manley Hot Springs | |
| C. Retained Alternate Seats | |
| 1. Coastal, Alt 1 - Richard Tuluk, Chevak | |
| 2. Y1, Alt 2 - Marvin Okitkun, Kotlik | |
| 3. Y3, Alt 1 - Basil Larson, Russian Mission | |

4. Y4, Alt 2 - Robert Walker, Anvik
- D. Open Alternate Seats
 1. Coastal District
 - a) Alt 2 - Clifford Kaganak, Sr., Scammon Bay; Recommendation Tony Ulak of Scammon Bay and Morgan Lake of Hooper Bay
 2. District Y2
 - a) Alt. 1 - VACANT; Recommendation Rex Nick of Pilot Station
 - b) Y2, Alt 2 - VACANT; Recommendation
 3. District Y6
 - a) Alt 1 - Dorothy Shockley; Recommendation Philip Titus, Minto
 - b) Alt 2 - VACANT-; Recommendation Kathleen Demientieff, Nenana
- E. Election of Officers
 1. Upriver Co-Chair
 2. Downriver Co-chair
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer

BREAK 2:00-2:15

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| XI. | Resolutions | 2:15-3:15p |
| XII. | Executive Session | 3:15-4:15p |
| XIII. | By-law Revisions | 4:15-4:45p |
| XIV. | Closing comments and acknowledgements | 4:45-5:00p |

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

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| I. | Call Meeting to Order | 9:00-9:05a |
| II. | Roll Call | 9:05-9:15a |
| III. | Approve Day 2 Agenda | 9:05-9:10a |
| IV. | Public Comments | 9:10-9:30a |
| V. | Yukon Area Fishery Managers | 9:30-10:30a |
| | A. Deena Jallen, ADF&G Summer Season Manager | |
| | B. Christy Gleason, ADF&G Fall Season Manager | |
| | C. Holly Carroll, U.S. FWS Yukon Area Manager | |

BREAK 10:30 - 10:45a

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| VI. | Special Guests | 10:45- Noon |
| | A. USFWS - Special Action Requests | |
| | B. NPFMC Bycatch Report - Diana Stram, NOAA | |

LUNCH Noon-1:00p

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| VII. | Presentations | 1:00-2:30 |
| | A. USGS Heat Stress - Vanessa Von Biela | |
| | B. Yukon River Inter Tribal Fish Commission Update - Brooke Woods | |
| | C. Alaska Beluga Whale Committee Update | |

BREAK 2:30-2:45p

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| VIII. | Board of Fisheries AYK Cycle | 2:30-4:00p |
| | A. Draft Proposals for submittal | |
| | 1. Fairbanks | |
| | 2. Opportunity to fish | |
| IX. | Final Comments & Acknowledgements | 4:00-5:00p |



YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association
31st Annual YRDFA Meeting
April 27 & 28, 2021
Fairbanks, AK
Pike's Riverfront Lodge

April 27, 2021 - Day 1

- I. Opening Yukon River Fish Blessing
- II. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Co-chair Bill Alstrom

- III. **Roll Call:** Present - Stanley Pete, Allen Hanson, Bill Alstrom, Mike Peters, Nick Andrew Sr., Alfred Demientieff, Fred Huntington Sr., Richard Burnham, Charlie Wright, Stan Zuray, Tim McManus, Victor Lord, Pollock Simon Sr., Jan Woodruff, James McDonald (Zoom), Richard Tuluk, Clifford Kaganak, Michelle Peterson (Zoom), Dick Evans, Robert Walker, Dorothy Shockley, Canada Carl Sidney (Zoom)

Absent: Lester Wilde, Michael James, Duane Thompson, Basil Larson, James Roberts, Candace Charlie, William Derendoff

IV. **Welcoming Remarks**

Moment of silence for recently deceased Andrew Firmin. Board members share a few words for Andrew Firmin.

A. **Co-Chairs**

Victor Lord - Recognizes Tim McManus as closest chief.

Bill Alstrom remarks – Millions of humpies go up that river, then we do get chums and a few kings too. Last year, we had high water. Not too bad for the kings but as the season went on it really dwindled. Then when it came to summer chums, something happened. There were really few and far and scattered. I don't know what happened to the fall chums. I've been hearing about our upcoming season, we will hear from the PreSeason meeting. It is not going to be a banner year again. We have people here from different villages

B. **Staff Introductions**

Serena Fitka, Catherine Moncrief, and Richell Carmichael

C. **Guest Introductions**

Alaska Department of Fish & Game: John Linderman

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: Jill Klien

Foraker: Emily Groves

Individual Participants: Ester McCarthy and Stanley Ned

V. Approval of Agenda

Stan Zuray made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Fred Huntington Sr. Question called by Tim McManus. Agenda Approved.

VI. 2020 YRDFA Annual Meetings Minutes

Stan Zuray made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Fred Huntington. Discussion: Minutes need to be summarized. Question called; minutes approved with corrections.

VII. Board Community Reports

A. Board Reports

Jan Woodruff - Our community was very hard hit. A few of us fished early and we did get kings. No one got any chums. The water was very high all summer. There was an occasional fishing drift. Everyone is very concerned about fall chum and wanting to know what we can do to protect the chum along with the king. In the upper river those are the only two types of salmon that we get. Fall Chum is our main focus.

Stan Zuray - Pretty short and pretty bleak. A little bit of King fishing was done during the limited openings before the chum even hit. Kings were a disaster. The fall chum season was closed before they even got to us. That was also a disaster. There have been closures before, but we've had a chance to get some fish. Dog teams are hurting. Most people are down to five or less dogs and we will probably never have dogs again. There are a bunch of people that are saying that they aren't even going to bother fishing this year. Life is changing.

Richard Burnham - As with most communities on the river, restricted King Salmon fishing took place. Some people got a few, most did not. Some families had motor issues and they missed the limited openings. They were going to wait for fall chum. They didn't appear and these families got no salmon. I've never seen that happen. It was sad to see. The forecast for the coming years is not looking good. We will hope for the best.

Charlie Wright - Same sad story from Rampart. A lot of people are struggling. A lot of people didn't catch any fish. Many people didn't go to camp because of the high water. People couldn't spend the money going all the way there and get nothing in return. All we can do is hope. The moose is getting really hard to find too.

Dick Evans - I got seven king salmon. I went to the store and bought canned salmon.

Fred Huntington Sr. - The mainstream going to Canada is not meeting the escapement goals and there has to be a good reason for it. There are not that many fish going in the fish ladder. Fifty years ago there was no mining and there were a lot of fish. We built up the stocks on the Yukon, but we are not building the stocks in Canada. We as users do not have an effect on the King Salmon. We on the Yukon harvest about 1.5% of the

number of fish that travel on the Yukon. There is something else going on. We have to sacrifice every time there are low numbers. The Andreafski River is being overpopulated. No one fishes on that river.

Victor Lord - I'd like to see a few Kings still harvested. Put some in your freezer and teach the young ones how to cut fish. There are young people who want to know how to do the things we do. They want us to teach them, but if we don't have any fish we can't show them. It is critical for us in Tanana to catch the early fish. After July they really go downhill. Hopefully we can fish early.

Bill Alstrom - I mentioned before, we don't know what is going on with the fish. There are a lot of factors involved. Makes me wonder what is going on. We hear about climate change. They like the cold water, so they seem to be moving further and further up north. Another factor is that salmon can't feed everybody, but it can help. It is really hard for me. It is hard to say how this problem is going to be solved. The more this world grows and all of the pollution. I think mankind is going to do us in. We might not see it in our lifetime, but it is in our future if we don't do something about it.

Allen Hanson - A handful of the subsistence fishermen were doing pretty good at the mouth. I know that a lot of the subsistence fishermen did not get what they needed. I was very fortunate to get a few kings. I saw 100s and 100s of belugas. I saw a king salmon jump and a beluga right behind it caught it in the air. They wait right below our camp. They were herding the other fish. I talked with a lot of fishermen and they did not meet their needs. They just caught a few fish. Many fishermen were very discouraged. We were wondering what happened to all of the fish. We were told that the forecast was better, but we didn't see them.

Mike Peters - When the fish come in on the first run, somehow the fish or management cut us off right when the fish are reaching us. When they come in the mouth they are abundant. Sometimes they want to put us to dip nets, but when there are no fish to dip, I don't understand. I think that something in that portion of Y2, they need to sit down with the people of that area to regulate so that the people can catch the fish that they need for the winter. We just want to take what we need for the winter. Every section of the river has its own concerns. Another concern I have is the water temperature. In our side creeks there were dead white and chum fish. The other scarrier part is that bears are in the side creeks. If the animals are dying, someone needs to look at this right away and address it. We have requested for water temperatures to be checked and nothing is being done.

Nick Andrew Sr. - When you are an elder you have a lot of insight you want to get out. I have two things.

1. Beluga is the number one salmon killer. Beluga can eat 50 salmon. You see them all over the coast.
2. I never liked it when fish and game let us use a 4" net. They are killing the salmon from the bottom up. Nothing in the world wants to die young. They turn around and go back to the ocean to get bigger. Instead of 4" they should have let

us use 9". We wouldn't have had to catch too many fish to have enough to hang for dried fish.

Alfred Demientieff - Just like everyone else, we aren't catching fish. 6" doesn't work for us. We are killing a bunch of fish and throwing them out because we can't eat them. We catch one or two kings. Fifteen boats fishing in one area. It's like gungho fishing in 18 hours. In the last five to six years we've been sacrificing. There are two active smoke houses right now. Everything is closed down. We've asked fish and game - they wait until the salmon go by and then they open it after they are gone. All we are getting to fish on the stragglers going by. One boat in the Bering Sea catches 80,000 pounds of bycatch. They go out a chute and probably get all beat up and probably die. How many other boats are doing the same thing?

Stanley Pete - I'm from Nunam Iqua, I'm a new board member. I've been active in fisheries most of my life. My concern is, why should our people go hungry? There are too many other variables for why the king salmon numbers are not going up. We are not the reason. Mine tailing, global warming, ocean acidification, fisheries bycatch, and a new one is a new species in the lower river - we are having a massive amount of pike out there. We as a fish board should have a say to managers for our people to eat. That's all they want. There are no more commercial directed fisheries. Our people are hungry. I don't have it in me to tell them not to fish. They had a disastrous year last year. There was no one on the river. The beluga whales had a great year with no boats in the water. We are in a unique position, we have a say in management strategy.

Tim McManus - Nenana - Like everyone else, Covid hit hard and shut down everything. Scary at first, we got to our fish camp. Since Covid hit, everyone was home. We fish at the Yukon River bridge. Usually at our camp we see two boats a day. Since Covid hit, no one was working. We got the stimulus checks. It was great to see all the people in the camps. There were seven running camps last year and the last few years there had only been two. It was great to see everyone at camp but there were no fish. Then the fall fish, I was one of the ones who stood on the wheel. It was 3 to 1. I'd have to throw three back in. I catch fish for my elders. To be one of the only fishermen out there, I used to see 40 people out there. Since I've started coming to these meetings, I've seen our mesh size drop, and our windows close. I know we are all doing our part. We have heard about the orcas podding up.

William Derendoff - Huslia - Been a long time since I've attended the YRDFA meeting. Good to see all my friends again. Sorry to hear that we've lost a few of our friends. It's about the same in Huslia, up the Koyukuk River. It's always been poor fishing. I remember, a lot of families were fortunate enough to have a big boat and they'd go down to the Yukon and bring back fish. People don't have that anymore. I have not been getting any salmon lately so I go to the next best thing, Hog slough. We get fish with hooks, but the fish are already spawned but they are okay. Last year was not good. They were disappointed because the water was too high and there were too many sticks. I've heard our Elders talk, things are going to be worse, the way the weather is changing. We have to learn how to substitute, like getting our whitefish or sheefish. We never had many salmon on the Koyukuk River.

Robert Walker - I have listened to people testify. A lot of people have the same things to say and why isn't anyone listening? It's almost like we are competing with the Federal and State government. State government isn't going to listen to us because they make their money off the commercial, sports, etc. Subsistence doesn't have to pay for anything so they don't listen to us. We are looking at the wrong door - State, Fed, BLM, which one is going to help us? We are just trying to get along with the government. An Elder told him, 10 years ago there was one freezer in the store. Now there are 9 freezers in the store. Managers are shrinking the net size. Yesterday I attended a fish meeting. I heard the same things as I am hearing here. They said, we don't have enough fish. Is that what we are going to keep saying until we die? Anvik River used to have a lot of spawning salmon. A lot of these streams have a lot less salmon than they used to. Somewhere along the line I would like to see all of the families get 20-100 fish.

Victor Lord - A little comment on the Belugas. There was one 30 miles down the river from here. It got stranded up there. It was eating food all the way up. Jet boats were another thing that was concerning you. There are some people out there

Richard Tuluk - Our situation in Chevak due to the flooding in that area, there are about 15 families that go down to the Hazen Bay area and the rest go to Hooper Bay. I am one of the families that went to Hazen Bay. We caught two chums. Usually we get a lot of chum. For our neighbors in Hooper Bay, for those that weren't going to meet their needs. Chevak is one of the environmentally threatened communities, along with the other coastal villages. The permafrost degradation is increasing and the land is sinking. The rivers are getting wide due to the shorelines falling into the river. That is evidence of permafrost retreating. It all has to do with climate change. Waters are getting warm. In one of our teleconferences an oceanographer said that the temperature in the deep sea was warmer than the beach area. Our ice is retreating.

Camille Auguline - Everything I've wanted to say has been said. I really hope that the fish will appear this year. I didn't get my quota last year.

Paul Andrews - Thank you for inviting me. Listening to the testimony is very interesting. I am glad to be here.

Richard Burnham - An observation I made two years ago about the warming of the weather. I was there cutting firewood below the mouth of an old village river. In five minutes five fish floated by belly up the back of my boat. Two kings and three chums. It was 90 degrees. We've had that temperature before but the water was cool enough for the fish to survive. I said then that we are in trouble.

Ester McCarty - This is the first time that I've heard all of the different issues of all of the different areas of the rivers. In the village of Hughes they are planning a memorial potlatch the first weekend of June. Global warming is a serious thing and it is happening faster than we are thinking. Soon our moose will be in danger. They may not put up with the heat. If you are trying to save the moose then you take care of the wolves that are killing them. I don't know how in the world we save the fish from the pike. The whales

that we hear about, do we eat whales? You people should see if you can hunt them. We as Native people should start sharing the food that we can get. If you can get whales down on the Lower Yukon you can hunt them and share them with the rest of the river. If we can't get moose and fish, then what are we going to do? We need to start growing our own vegetables and learn how our ancestors lived off of the plants and berries. It might be too hot for the berries too. And water is another concern. We have to come together as one people and support each other.

Michelle Peterson - It was good to hear everyone and what they had to say. We had a lot of high water. I didn't do any subsistence fishing either. It is interesting to hear all of the different ways that we are losing our fish count and how from climate change to whales. I want to say that with everything that has taken place it is really hard to think of ways that we can fix it in a timely manner. It is important to talk to our elders. It is very strange. I am learning and taking in everyone's information. I want to learn about different parts of the region.

Basil Larsen - Just like you guys in the same situation in the river. A lot of fishing without a lot of fish. There were a few camps that thought they would hold off until fall and that didn't happen. There was one fellow that thought he would put a 6" net to see if he could put some fish away. He did very well only fishing for a couple of days. Like everyone else we are wondering what is happening with the fish. We are realizing that there is only so much that the in season management can do. Their concern is for the headwaters and predator control. There are a lot of pikes. We have a dog team here and we have a 4" net in the river almost everyday. There are two times out of the year when we don't travel, when we don't put a net in the river - freeze up, and when the ice melts. There are a lot of sticks in the river. We were using a 6" net when that guy got those fish. We were wondering if the sonar could run a little later. Seems like there was another squirt of fish after the sonar shut down. Usually everyone is not fishing at that time (in the fall) because we are moose hunting. The six weeks of interviewing usually gets the bulk of the run but there are still fish swimming after the sonar shuts down. We are concerned about the mining activities and the roads being opened up. Then also hearing about the belugas. Wish we could put a cap on the high seas fishing bycatch. Global warming, things we can't control. WE should influence the things that we cannot control.

Clifford Kaganak - Last year, we averaged our subsistence needs. There were quite a few kings to my surprise and happiness but the kings were not as big as they used to be. The majority of the subsistence users here met their needs for both kings and summer chums. We do have substitutes for kings and chums. We get fall chums. A lot of people don't harvest fall chum for drying because it is wet weather during the fall and it is harder for the fish to dry and it molds then we feed them to the dogs. We also have halibut and pacific cod and flat fish. Majority of the community got their subsistence needs [met].

James MacDonald - Last year was a very bad salmon year for us. There were not enough salmon passing the border to meet escapement which meant all the fisheries were closed. There were very few subsistence fishermen out. Very, very bad year last year. Our Elders say we are losing our fish culture and our way of life. We don't know

why this is happening. We want to return to the numbers of the 1990s. Whitehorse dam or mining industry in Canada, we also share concerns about that. First Nations people actively work to advance any concerns with mining. Fourteen First Nations do their best to address and mitigate any issues and habitat of the salmon. It is a way of life we are working hard to protect. Anything we can do to help in any way.

Carl Sidney - Thank you for letting me participate in the meeting. I've heard a lot of interesting things. I have nothing to report. We haven't fished for the last 20-25 years. There is tons and tons of snow. So there will probably be high water for a long time. Today it is -5 and snowing. I am afraid to say that there is going to be a lot of high water.

Motion to amend the agenda to move Item VII. B: Staff Reports to the afternoon by Charlie Wright, second by Allen Hanson. Discussion was called. Motion Carried to move staff reports.

V. Special Reports

- A. Bering Sea Fishermen's Association - Karen Gillis, Executive Director
Jill Klein presented an update on Yukon River Comprehensive Salmon Plan Status
- B. Yukon River Panel - John Linderman, US Section Co-Chair
- C. Foraker Group - Emily Groves, Fund Development Consultant

IX. Staff report

- A. Staff Reports
- B. Financial Report: Stan Zuray made a motion to approve moving the bank account from Wells Fargo to First national. Charlie Wright seconded. Discussion, question called. Motion passed.

X. Resolution & Proposal Development

2021-01: Opposing Oil & Gas Development in the Yukon Flats
Jan Woodruff makes a motion to invite Doyon Limited, LLC to give a presentation, Allen Hanson seconds. Alfred Demientieff calls for a question. Motion passes.

April 28, 2021 - DAY 2

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Stanley Pete, Allen Hanson, Bill Alstrom (states that his daughter is the ED and he has no financial interest in the organization and will refrain from voting when it's that time), Mike Peters, Nick Andrew Sr., Alfred Demientieff, Fred Huntington Sr., Richard Burnham, Charlie Wright, Stan Zuray, Tim McManus, Victor Lord, Pollock Simon Sr., Jan Woodruff, James McDonald (Zoom), Richard Tuluk, Clifford Kaganak (Zoom), Camille Auguline, Michelle Peterson (Zoom), Dick Evans, Robert Walker, Dorothy Shockley, William Derendoff, Carl Sidney (Zoom), Paul Andrews

Absent: Lester Wilde, Michael James, Duane Thompson, Basil Larson, James Roberts, Candace Charlie

A motion made by Dorothy Shockley to suspend the rules to add Yukon River Inter Tribal Fish Commission to give a report. Seconded by Jan Woodruff, question called. Motion passes.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resoluition 2021-01: Opposing Oil & Gas Development in the Yukon Flats

Robert Walker made a motion, seconded by Fred Huntington Sr. Discussion was called. Doyon Limited Jamie Marunde, VP Lands and Natural Resources to discuss Yukon Flats exploration. Fred Huntington Sr. withdrew his motion. Jan called for question. Motion fails.

B. Resolution 2021-02: Pollock Fishery Conservation of Yukon River Salmon

Stan Zuray made a motion, seconded by Alfred Demientieff. Motion died. Motion to move revised resolution to table discussion until after lunch by Charlie Wright. Seconded by Fred Huntington Sr. Motion carried to move resolution after lunch. Question called. Motion passed.

Lunch Presentations:

- ADF&G Summer Season Manager Deena Jallen
- ADF&G Fall Season Manager Jeff Estensen
- USFWS Yukon River Area Manager Holly Carroll

XII. Yukon River Inter Tribal Fish Commission Update: Chairman, Brooke Woods -

Brooke works for TCC hunting and fishing task force and the fish commission. We have partnered with YRDFA on both the fishery disaster and the district dialogues. We had a commissioner meeting on Monday and got to hear a presentation from USFWS, Holly Carroll. It sounds like it is not going to be a good year this year. We established an executive council meeting and they will be meeting on Friday. We also now have a vice chair who is Arnold Demoski. You are welcome to attend. In our Executive session on Friday we are going to create 2021 recommendations as well as resolutions.

XIII. Resolutions - Continued

B. 2021-02 Support the Bering Sea Pollock Fishery conservation of Yukon River

Chinook salmon. Motion on the floor by Stan Zuray, seconded by Fred Huntington. In discussion. Question called. Resolution passes.

C. 2021-03 Escapement Goals for One Full Lifecycle

Stan Zuray makes a motion to approve, seconded by Jan Woodruff. Discussion, questions called. Resolution passes.

D. 2021-04 - Transboundary Mining

Stan Zuray moves to approve, second by Fred Huntington Sr. Discussion, question called. Resolution passes.

E. 2021 -05 Concern about hatchery production

Fred Huntington Sr. moves to approve, second by Richard Burnham. Discussion, question called. Resolution passes.

F. 2021-06 Concern about Oil and Gas development in the Yukon Flats

Jan Woodruff moves to approve, second by Fred Huntington, Sr. Discussion, question called. Resolution passes.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fred Huntington Sr. moves to go into Executive Session, seconded by Jan Woodruff.

Tim McManus moves end Executive Session, seconded by Alfred Demientieff

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bylaw Revision Charlie Wright moves to go over bylaw revision

Jan seconds Alfred Demientieff calls Question. All in Favor

B. Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan and direction to staff ACTION ITEM p. 17 of booklet. This portion is for the board to give direction to the staff. The strategic plan was approved at the last meeting for 5 years. Victor Lord - Motion to put the strategic plan up for discussion.

Stan Zuray - Question

All those in favor - Aye

PASSES

XI. ELECTIONS

Allen Hanson makes motion to approve to retain members onto the board, seconded by Nick Andrew Sr. Question, discussion. Members voted in.

Victor Lord makes a motion to appoint Camille Augline to the board, second by Jan Woodruff. Camille Augline approved to the board.

Dorothy Shockley makes a motion to appoint Michelle Peterson to the board, second by Stan Zuray. Discussion, question called. Michelle Peterson was approved to the board.

Charlie Wright makes a motion to appoint Rochelle Adams as Alternate, second by Jan Woodruff. Discussion, question called. Rochelle Adams appointed as Alternate for Yukon Flats.

Jan Woodruff moves to appoint young fishers Kerri Kelly and Katyln Zuray, second by Tim McManus. Discussion, question called. Motion passes.

Following officers appoint.

Lower River Co-chair - Bill Alstrom

Upper River Co-chair - Victor Lord

Secretary - Stan Zuray

Treasurer - Richard Burnham

XII. CLOSING REMARKS

Camile Augline: I serve on the Alaska Whaling commission. Our whales on the Yukon have been steadily climbing. Board sent out flyers to all the young hunters to educate them on how to hunt them and what is struck and lost. We mainly hunt along the coast line. The northern part they use whaling nets. We mainly use harpoons to catch our whales. We have been educating our youth, even during the breeding season to stay away from the calving areas. And to mainly catch males. Up north their whale population is gone. Most whaling populations have different pulses (groups/ populations). We are trying to teach our younger generations to not over hunt .

Serena Fitka: First of all, I'd like to thank the Board and Alternate for having a great two days. Andrew was a big advocate to get this face to face meeting. I'd also like to thank Hannah who handled all the travel logistics. I'd also like to thank Kasey who is with Informational Insights doing all the background work. Dinner tonight will be at 6:30 and we will have awards. Thanks to the staff and the Board members. I get calls from you sometimes two times a week and I really like that.

Charlie Wright - I'd like to thank the staff as well. Rochelle Adams wanted to say thank you to the board.

Tim McManus - I wanted to thank you all, staff, Serena Fitka - When I first came to one of these meetings I was really young and nervous, but as the years have gone by it has gotten easier. Thank you.

Stanley Pete - It has been an honor to be sitting at the table with individuals as yourself. I hope that I contribute positive ideas to this group. It is good to have variety. Some background on me, I was a deep sea fisherman. I have been up and down the Aleutians and I hope that my experiences contribute and I am honored to be in such good company.

Mike Peters - I'd like to thank the Co-Chairs and Serena Fitka and the staff for doing all this good work. Nick Andrew Sr., I'm going to miss him because it is really good to have Elders' advice. I'd like to thank all you Board members because we are talking about salmon. It is very important that we voice our opinion for them. By working together we get something done. I know my term is up but I keep my name in the basket. I like the programs for young people. I miss some of the Board members that have passed on like our young friend Andrew. He had a good heart for everyone. He listened to what people had to say. He was for the young people. I thank you very much for working with us. We will go a long way.



YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

YRDFA E-board Meeting Minutes
October 26-27, 2021 Embassy Suites
Anchorage

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

- I. Roll Call: Present - Richard Tuluk; Chevak, Allen Hanson; Alakanuk, Bill Alstrom; St. Mary's, Alfred Demientieff, Jr.; Holy Cross, Fred Huntington, Sr.; Galena, Stan Zuray; Tanana, Victor Lord; Nenana, Pollock Simon, Sr (by phone); Allakaket, Jan Woodruff; Eagle, James MacDonald (by phone); Whitehorse.
Absent Excused: Mike Peters (by phone); Marshall
- II. Prayer led by Victor Lord.
- III. Managers present on Zoom: USFWS Yukon River Area Manager, Holly Carroll, USFWS Yukon River Area Assistant Manager, Gerald Mashmann, ADF&G Yukon River Area Summer Season Manager, Deena Jallen, ADF&G Yukon River Area Fall Season Manager, Christy Gleason

Verbal presentation was given to E-board. Open for questions and discussion:

- If commercial fishing was the cause of the decline? Answer: In 2017, there was 2.3 million fall chum. Over a million fall chums are the ones making it up the river this year and last year's return.
- Discussion around the El Nino and the ocean blooms in 2000 caused the last crash. In 2015 there was a record El Nino in the Bering Sea. Wondering if the cause is the El Ninos. Answer: I will contact Jim Murphy with NOAA to investigate.
- CARES Act Fishing Disaster funding has not reached subsistence fishers. Answer: To contact the Governor's office, Kari Winkel, Rachel Hanke, or Rachel Baker at 907-465-6141. Round 2 applications will become available in mid-November.

There was a motion to amend the agenda and move item IV. board of fisheries items to after lunch and have the director provide a report. Seconded, question called. Motion passed.

- IV. Updates from the director. We received the third round of CARES funding and it will cover the director's salary for the remainder of the fiscal year.

YRDFFA is also partnering with TCC and received \$10,000 for the Yukon River Advocacy Series: NPFMC. The project was a success with participation ranging from 25-35 from various Tribes, Organizations, and Yukon Area fishery managers. We will proceed with hosting more series on other layers of management such as USFWS, ADF&G, etc.

Serena recently returned from Washington DC with YDFDA, which covered the expenses. She was able to meet with all US Delegation members to highlight the fisheries disaster, empty fish camps, food security, and funding for more research. Serena also met with Raina Thiele, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs and Strategic Priorities for DOI., and Kip Knudsen, Director, State, and Federal Relations, Office of the Governor.

We will be coordinating more trips to DC and maybe to Juneau to remain in contact with everyone.

The morning session ended at 12:10 p.m. for lunch.
The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

V. Report to the Board
A. Overview of BOF

Hannah Heimbuch- YRDFFA consultant - An Agenda Change Request (ACR) was submitted to the Board of Fisheries from Virgil Umphenour to request an emergency genetic analysis of salmon in Area M. This did not make the agenda; however, YRDFFA can still support and identify the need, which can help things move forward. Hannah spoke with MacKenzie Mitchell, a new board member, who has a background in fisheries research, to begin a conversation about the rising issue. AYK cycle will be January 2023 and proposals will be due on April 11, 2022.

B. Priorities

Proposed proposal priorities for the YRDFFA board to work on and develop is as follows.

- Support proposals from Fairbanks AC in regards to increasing genetic analysis of salmon stocks in Area M.
- Support/develop a proposal in regards to hatchery reduction.
- YRDFFA to submit a proposal to increase genetic analysis in Area M, on bycatch and Norton Sound.
- Provide an opportunity to Yukon River communities a small salmon harvest to alleviate food security and to keep traditional culture practices active.

Discussion:

The span of the Yukon River is great and it is unjustifiable to blanket all districts with the same fishing gear or provide an adequate time frame for fishing. Each fishing district along the Yukon River is very different when it comes to their fishing needs, but the one commonality is the need to fish. YRDFFA will need to get support from other fishing communities on the similar concerns, to make sure they are being heard.

Secondary issues:

- Test fishery and sonar practices - how can these methods be improved?

- Ensure people have access to the new gear or right gear when management implements them.
- What does co-management look like?

Next steps include:

- Create a pamphlet or abstract on YRDFA priorities for outreach.
- Board members going to back to their communities and presenting the information to the Tribal Councils for support.
- Attend AC meetings for additional support.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. for the day.

Day 2 - Wednesday, Oct 27, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Roll Call: Present - Present: Richard Tuluk, Bill Alstrom, Alfred Demientieff JR, Fred Huntington, Stan Zuray, Victor Lord, Pollock Simon Sr (by phone), Jan Woodruff. Absent: Allen Hansen (excused at doctor appt), Mike Peters (excused - death in family), James MacDonald

Prayer led by Victor Lord.

Motion to amend the agenda to have Vanessa Von Biela, USGS, give a presentation on heat stress. Second, question called. Motion passed.

VI. USGS presentation by Vanessa Von Biela

Presentation material attached.

VII. Continued discussion on BOF proposals

Motion made by Jan Woodruff to support 2 proposals on genetic analysis of salmon stocks in Area M and addressing hatcheries in SE Alaska, seconded by Stan Zuray motion. Discussion. Question called by Fred Huntington. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fred Huntington to support fishing on the Yukon River on a limited basis with ADFG giving notice through their emergency order, seconded by Jan Woodruff. Alfred Demientieff called the question. Alfred Demientieff rescinds the question to move to discussion.

Motion revised to state: Support proposal to create an opportunity to fish with traditional gear specific to each fishing district.

Alfred calls questions. Stan Zuray and Bill Alstrom abstains. Motion carries.

Motion made by Stan Zuray to support community outreach with proposal and gain support on opportunities to harvest salmon, seconded by Victor Lord. Discussion: Serena clarified the BOF process. Proposals submitted in April will take effect for the 2023 season. To create an opportunity to fish for the 2022 season we will go directly to

the Commissioner of ADF&G and the Governor's Office. All proposals will go before the full YRDFA board for approval during the annual meeting.

VIII. Comprehensive Salmon Plan Update

Karen Gillis has stepped down from Chair. Karen has asked [Serena Fitka](#) to chair the committee, but has declined due to limited capacity.

Jan Woodruff nominates Stan Zuray. Seconded by Alfred Demientieff JR.

Question called. Stan Zuray will chair CSP Committee by unanimous consent.

A motion to amend the agenda to remove By-laws from the agenda.

IX. Board Recruitment

Victor Lord makes a motion to approve Marvin Okitkun from Kotlik to serve as District Y1 Alternate 1, Jan Woodruff seconded. Unanimous consent.

Board directs staff to reach out to the communities of Pitka's Point and Pilot Station for District 2 Alternate 1 and 2 members.

X. Outreach

Appointment of board members to assist with communication outreach and representation during business travel will be Stan Zuray, Fred Huntington, and Jan Woodruff. Board recommended reaching out to other board members to gain more interest.

XI. Annual Board Meeting and Pre-season meeting dates

Funding to host the annual board meeting is still on-going. Annual meeting will be held consecutively with the Pre-season meeting.

Pre-season meeting date will be the end of March in Anchorage, Alaska. Date will be determined by the director.

Jan Woodruff moves to adjourn the e-board meeting at 3:25 p.m., seconded by Victor Lord.



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YR DFA Strategic Plan as of 2019

Approved December 2020 through 2025 Annual Meeting

I. Mission

YR DFA's mission is to protect and promote all wild fisheries and traditional cultures within the Yukon River drainage.

II. Vision & Core Values

Vision

Our vision is for a healthy and sustainable ecosystem with wild salmon fisheries and other resources for all people living along the Yukon River. We seek a set of fisheries management policies and protocols that are the product of integrated work by all stakeholders and which promote sustainability.

Core Values

- Sustain wild salmon fisheries and other natural resources in the Yukon River watershed;
- Maximize fishing opportunity for people living along the Yukon River;
- Promote understanding, communication and cooperation between fisheries users;
- Fair play, equity and sharing;
- Empower people and build their capacity to participate in fisheries management decision-making;
- Assist the people and the natural resources they depend on;
- Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

III. Current Issues and Problems

The three key issues facing the Yukon River region at present are a declining salmon run, the lack of a coordinated, conservation-based fisheries plan for the Yukon River,

and threats to community welfare from declining subsistence and commercial catches.

Chinook salmon returns are currently low on the Yukon River. The resultant declines in subsistence and commercial harvest threaten community welfare as sources of food and income are reduced or eliminated. The current management system does not address management of subsistence fisheries, as well as the needs of rebuilding the stocks, in these times of shortage. There are strong divisions and conflict between people and organizations from different areas, user groups and gear types. There is no river-wide structure, which includes all impacted stakeholders, including the tribes, for resolving conflicts. A lack of information about salmon biology and the Yukon River Salmon Agreement, and the perpetuation of misinformation, leads to a lack of understanding of management decisions and the need for conservation.

Yukon River salmon face threats from other fisheries and development. Bycatch of salmon in the Bering Sea pollock fishery is not sufficiently limited to protect Yukon River stocks from this significant source of mortality. Existing and new mining, oil and gas, road development and pipeline projects pose threats to Yukon River salmon and their habitat. These threats are not adequately analyzed, and many Yukon River residents are not aware of these threats. Multiple issues face Yukon River salmon in the marine environment, including offshore aquaculture and management of federal fisheries. These actions pose significant threats to Yukon River salmon singularly and collectively.

In addition, climate change is impacting Yukon River salmon in the marine and in-river environment. Limited information is available about how climate change is affecting Yukon River salmon. Yukon River communities are not strongly engaged in efforts to develop national and international policies and actions to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

Yukon River villages face broad economic and social problems including alcohol and drug abuse, suicide, outmigration, domestic abuse and loss of culture and identity. Traditional knowledge is being lost as the holders of this knowledge pass away. Alternate economic opportunities for cash income are limited in Yukon River communities, causing hardship in years when commercial salmon fisheries are limited. Alternate food sources to provide substitutes for salmon in time of shortage have not been fully developed. Few Yukon River residents are employed in fisheries management jobs.

IV. Strategic Goals & Targets

Goal 1: Reduce river-wide conflict and coordinate a river-wide approach to fishers' and tribes' involvement in sustainable fisheries management.

Objectives

1. Develop and begin to implement a river-wide fisheries management approach for the Yukon River focused on rebuilding and maintaining a healthy Yukon River salmon fishery that has buy-in from all stakeholders including tribes;
2. Continue in-season teleconferences and fishery meetings to provide venues for coordinated, grassroots approaches to fisheries management;
3. Assess and adjust YRDFA structure and processes to ensure coordination with all key stakeholders.

Goal 2: Reduce threats to Yukon River salmon and their habitat throughout their lifecycle.

Objectives

1. Reduce marine mortality by getting management measures in place to limit Chinook and chum bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery;
2. Advocate for protection of Yukon River salmon in existing and new mining, oil and gas, road development and pipeline projects;
3. Advocate for protection of Yukon River salmon in the marine environment, including advocating against offshore aquaculture, hatchery production and monitoring federal fisheries management;
4. Address the impacts of climate change on Yukon River salmon through research and monitoring, and advocate for policies which will reduce climate change impacts;
5. Reduce marine debris and contamination throughout the Yukon River watershed.

Goal 3: Preserve the subsistence way of life and traditional/subsistence cultures of the Yukon River.

Objectives

1. Collect, document and compile Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) in a format in which it can be utilized in management decisions;

2. Collect and facilitate collection of subsistence harvest data to ensure management has accurate subsistence information on which to make decisions and to document changing harvest patterns and uses;
3. Create opportunities for Elders and youth to share and utilize TEK;
4. Provide resources for communities to develop alternate fisheries and food sources in times of salmon shortages to ensure community survival;
5. Develop alternate economic opportunities for villages to provide cash income in times of salmon shortages when commercial fisheries are curtailed;
6. Provide resources for communities to utilize renewable energy sources at fish camps and promote their ongoing success;
7. Continue and increase local hire programs to provide jobs for local residents in fisheries management.

Goal 4: Educate and provide accurate information to all Yukon River residents about salmon biology, management on the Yukon River, the Yukon River Salmon Agreement and issues affecting Yukon River salmon and their habitat.

Objectives

1. Include education sessions at every meeting YRDFA hosts (pre-season planning, annual meeting, etc.);
2. Provide accurate and current outreach about the salmon fisheries via paper newsletter and/or electronic news distribution;
3. Provide information and training to all board members, youth and other key village leaders to actively participate in fisheries activities, processing, jobs and civic engagement;
4. Improve understanding between upper and lower river Alaskans and Canadians through educational exchanges; involve 5-6 new fishers each year in Alaska/Canada exchange and 3-5 people in intra-Alaska exchange; ensure participants bring lessons learned to their communities and the Yukon River Panel;
5. Increase use of social media, measure effectiveness and adjust methods as appropriate;
6. Develop new outreach strategies as needed to keep people involved and supportive of a coordinated approach to sustainable fisheries management along the Yukon River.

V. Internal Capacity Needs

To meet these strategic goals YRDFA needs to develop the following internal capacity needs:

Fundraising

1. Expand the diversity and reliability of funding sources;
2. Develop and follow a fundraising plan;
3. Maintain relationships and renew current sources of funding;
4. Seek new ways to fundraise;
5. Determine best use of staff time for fundraising activities and designate and train responsible staff for fundraising/grant writing;
6. Train current staff for organizational marketing;
7. Assess best use of board resources for fundraising and increase board participation in fundraising;
8. Hire experienced contractors or new staff with fundraising skills to conduct fundraising activities when appropriate.

Membership

1. Develop a program to engage current and new Yukon River residents in YRDFA;
2. Improve services for current members of YRDFA;
3. Develop new ideas for bringing new people into YRDFA's programs and membership such as youth, tribes, municipalities, stakeholder organizations and others off the river;
4. Develop programs for integrating youth in the organization;
5. Evaluate effectiveness of membership program and re-design it as appropriate;
6. Develop a way to engage Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau residents and/or people nationwide.

Evaluation

1. Develop evaluation process for YRDFA goals and projects;
2. Evaluate current projects utilizing process
3. Gather information throughout lifecycle of projects.

YRDFFA Strategic Plan Progress Report - Updated March 2022

Goal 1: Reduce river-wide conflict and coordinate a river-wide approach to fishers' and tribes' involvement in sustainable fisheries management.

Activities that meet this goal:

- Teleconferences
- In-Season Survey
- Pre and Post Season Fishery Meetings
- Board meeting
- Education Exchange
- Relationship building with:
 - YRITWC- outreach to Federal delegation, proposal writing
 - YDFDA, YRITFC – Fisheries Disaster partnership
 - YSSC - Ed Exchange, board recruitment, salmon summit
 - NPFMC & Alaska Fisheries Science Center.- Meeting with Council and Science Center staff to provide Yukon River fishing information.

New activities since April 2021:

- Serena received an update on the Comprehensive Plan. A meeting needs to be scheduled.
- Coordination with YRITFC/TCC, AVCP, BSFA, SOA Advisory Councils, USFWS, YDFDA, and YSSC include:
 - Fishery Disaster work
 - Bycatch
 - Research and Monitoring
 - Proposal Development
- Young fishers are on the board.
- Collaborating with the Alaska Fisheries Science Center to address the knowledge gap of river and ocean fisheries.
- Collaborating with the YRITFC to better effectively address Yukon River fishing issues and develop an action plan that would be continuous as we host meetings.
 - Advocacy series
 - Attendance and presentation at Salmon Summit
- Attending Yukon River Panel meetings to be in tune with both US and Canada activities.
- Participated in the 1st Annual Yukon Salmon Ceremony and Gathering hosted by Yukon Salmon Knowledge Hub located in Yukon Territory Canada.
- Hosted a Yukon River Advocacy Series on North Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

Activities that still need revisiting/support:

- Continue to coordinate with other groups ie YRITFC, AVCP, TCC, YDFDA, YRITWC, etc.
- Provide a platform for all Yukon River organizations to come together to align missions and goals. Create a more collaborative approach to work together and apply for funding to address our needs.

Goal 2: Reduce threats to Yukon River salmon and their habitat throughout their lifecycle.

Activities that meet this goal:

- Past bycatch work
- Past PEW work with BLM ACECs
- Attendance at NPFMC meetings
- Board passes resolutions opposing GMO fish (2019, 2018, 2016)
- Board passed resolution opposing mining, Ambler Mining District Road (2019, 2018, 2013, 2012 [Donlin specifically and mining in general])
- Clearinghouse proposal with YRITWC

New activities since April 2021:

- Bycatch/advocate for the protection of YR salmon in the marine environment:
 - Increased staff attendance at NPFMC meetings
 - ED provided public comments and submitted a letter to NPFMC on bycatch
 - Attending new Bycatch Task Force meetings
- Attending meetings with ADFG Advisory Councils to address ways we can provide support to one another in Area M, Bycatch, and hatchery issues.

Activities that need revisiting/support:

- Bycatch monitoring
 - Hire policy person to follow NPFMC
 - Support current staff with time to focus on NPFMC
 - Develop plan to engage with NPFMC
- Advocate for protection of YR salmon in marine environment
 - Hire policy director
- Impacts of Climate Change on YR salmon and fishers
 - Design and submit proposal to FRMP 2021
 - Advocate through policies that will reduce climate change impacts
 - Hire policy director

Goal 3: Preserve the subsistence way of life and traditional/subsistence cultures of the Yukon River.

Activities that meet this goal:

- Dedicated anthropologist on staff for 20 years. Extensive work in this area. Most recent works: Draanjik project, Elders Warnings,
- Current projects: In-season harvest survey, partnering with ADF&G subsistence Post Season Survey, Draanjik Anadromous Waters Catalog, Elders Warning project, LTK of Tanana River Anadromous Waters Catalog
- Past Projects: Value of Salmon project, Yupik Elders Gathering, Young Fisher workshops, etc.
- Local hire in all YRDFA projects including: In-Season survey, post season survey, Draanjik, Elders Warnings
- Off Season Teleconference to let people know about CARES funding, etc.

New activities since April 2021:

- Elders Warnings project begun - Emerging Leaders researching Elders Warnings of salmon declines,
- Local and Traditional Knowledge of whitefish and salmon of Tanana River Basin project begun.
- Applied for funding for culture camps.
- Attended culture camp in Ruby.
- Provide resources for communities to develop alternate fisheries and food sources in times of salmon shortages to ensure community survival
 - become a bridge to connect people/organizations to provide a communication platform (ie ADFG coordinate hunts when salmon low). Balancing /coordinating opportunities to fish and hunt.
- Continue and increase local hire programs to provide jobs for local residents in fisheries management.
 - We do employ local hire in all YRDFEA projects
 - Not doing anything to expand local hire beyond YRDFEA projects ie trainings
 - provide training, reach out to ADFG etc and see what jobs are available that we could train people for.

Activities/area that need revisiting/support:

- Develop alternate economic opportunities for villages to provide cash income in times of salmon shortages when commercial fisheries are curtailed;
 - fishery disaster work
- Provide resources for communities to utilize renewable energy sources at fish camps and promote their ongoing success;
 - solar panels, windmills

Goal 4: Educate and provide accurate information to all Yukon River residents about salmon biology, management on the Yukon River, the Yukon River Salmon Agreement and issues affecting Yukon River salmon and their habitat.

Activities that meet this goal:

- Teleconferences with special presentations
 - Off Season Teleconference with specific topics
- Post Season teleconference with Managers reports
- Newsletters
- Serena's outreach to media, interviews
- Elders Warning project training for Emerging Leaders
- Education Exchange
- Expanded social media
- Created Andrew Firmin Young Fisher Internship Program

Activities that need revisiting/ support:

- Board training/new board orientation
- Other capacity building for YR fishers/ tribes
- Do Intra-Alaska Education Exchanges
 - seek funding from YDFDA

- Continue to develop new outreach strategies to keep people involved and supportive of coordinated approach to sustainable fisheries management

V. Internal Capacity Needs:

- Fundraising
 - Accomplishments:
 - Proposal development and submittal 2019/2020 (AKSSF, NPRB)
 - Corporate fundraising
 - Enrolled in the Pick.Click.Give Program
 - Enroll in the HillCorp Giving Program
 - Encouraging individuals and Tribes to become members.
 - Applied for several grants, mini-grants, and CARES Act funding
 - Work to be done:
 - Develop a fundraising plan- use a template?
 - engage board members for fundraising
 - Hire communications person
 - Continue to submit proposals
 - AYK-SSI

Joined proposal to AYK-SSI with Vanessa Von Biela to look at heat stress on Chinook and conduct community monitoring of water temp and develop community response team in times of heat stress.

- FRMP

Submitted proposal to FRMP focused on expanding Survey program to survey fishers during non salmon seasons.

- Congressional Delegates
- NSF
- Alaska Community Foundation
- AK Center for Excellence in Journalism
- GCI
- Oak Foundation - use to fund Becca's work, fund AMCC
- Patagonia
- Membership
 - Accomplishments:
 - Membership envelope revised in 2018
 - Membership request included with newsletter
 - Membership drive pushed with new hoodies 2020
 - Work to be done
 - Consider revising membership program
 - Outreach to people in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau
 - Outreach Nationally - River Rally
- Evaluation
 - Accomplished
 - Evaluations of Pre-, Post- Season meeting, In-Season Survey program, Teleconferences, Board meeting
 - 2020 staff reporting via Strategic Plan

BY-LAWS OF THE
YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE ONE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS and DELEGATION

A.1. The powers of the association shall be exercised by a perpetuating Board of Directors qualified in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation. There shall be sixteen (16) Directors on the Board.

A.2. The Board of Directors shall be chosen from amongst a thirty (30) member Delegation of the Association representative of the diverse users of salmon in the Yukon River drainage. Salmon users in the drainage include those under the category of subsistence user, commercial user / small processor, sportfish user and large processor.

There are nine membership districts as defined by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) as follow:

Coastal District: As defined by ADF&G Management

Y- 1: As defined by ADF&G Management

Y-2: As defined by ADF&G Management

Y-3: As defined by ADF&G Management

Y-4: As defined by ADF&G Management

Y-5 B &C: As defined by ADF&G Management

Y-6: As defined by ADF&G Management and subdistrict 5-A and the remainder of the Tanana River drainage.

Koyukuk River drainage: as defined by ADF&G management

Yukon Flats / 5-D: that portion of the Alaska Yukon River drainage defined as Subdistrict 5-D by ADF&G management and including the tributaries that flow into said portion.

There will be two delegates from the Canadian headwaters of the Yukon River which include that portion of the Yukon River drainage above the U.S. border.

Delegates shall be apportioned as follows:

Coastal District:	3 delegates
Y- 1 District:	5 delegates
Y-2 District:	5 delegates
Y-3 District:	2 delegates
Y-4 District:	4 delegates
Y-5 District:	3 delegates
Y-6 District:	4 delegates
Koyukuk River	2 delegates
Yukon Flats / 5-D	2 delegates
Canadian headwaters	2 delegates

A.3. To be eligible to be appointed to a delegate seat, a person can be nominated by the Board of Directors. A nominee must live and/or fish in the Yukon River districts and must

live in the same district in which they are nominated for a seat. A nominee does not have to be a YRDFA member. All nominees will be notified of their nomination and YRDFA will receive confirmation of acceptance or rejection of the nomination. If confirmation cannot be obtained, the nominee will not be eligible for appointment to the Board. Board member appointments must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board. Once elected, winners must become members and pay their appropriate dues within 30 days or forfeit their election.

Current serving Board members, whose term is ending can self-nominate, if they wish, to retain their seat. If the seat is open, the prior Board member can nominate a new potential Director from their Fishing District for Board approval. If no nominee is forthcoming from the previous Director, the YRDFA Board and staff will seek a qualified candidate for the open position that can gain approval from the full Board.

Board members and alternates will be appointed by the board according to the following apportionment:

Coastal District: 1 Board member and 2 Alternates

Y-1 District: 3 Board members and 2 Alternates

No more than two Board members may be residents of the same village. Furthermore, if two Board members are from the same village, then no more than one alternate may be from that same village.

Y-2 District: 3 Board members and 2 Alternates

No more than two Board members may be residents of the same village. Furthermore, if two Board members are from the same village, then no more than one alternate may be from that same village.

Y-3 District: 1 Board member and 1 Alternate

Y-4 District: 2 Board members and 2 Alternates

One Board member shall be a salmon user in subdistrict 4-A and one board member shall be a salmon user in subdistrict 4-B or 4-C.

Y-5B&C District: 2 Board members and 1 Alternate

One Board member shall be a salmon user in subdistrict 5-B and one board member shall be a salmon user in subdistrict 5-C.

Y-6 District: 2 Board members and 2 Alternates

Koyukuk River: 1 Board member and 1 Alternate

No more than one board member and / or one alternate may be from the same village.

Yukon Flats / 5-D: 1 Board member and 1 Alternate

No more than one board member and / or one alternate may be from the same village.

Canadian: 1 Board member and 1 Alternate

Both the board member and alternate shall be appointed by the Yukon Salmon Committee and are non-voting.

Beginning in 2018 the YRDFA Board added two young adult fisher advisory positions to the Board. These are non-voting positions and one member each is chosen to represent up-river and down-river communities, to bridge the transition of YRDFA leadership into the future and to bring young adult fishers perspectives and views into YRDFA's efforts.

There are therefore 17 members of the Board (who serve two or three-year terms, see paragraph F. below), and 15 Alternates (who serve two-year terms), and 2 young adult fisher advisors (who serve 2 year terms). Therefore at each annual selection, there will be a minimum of 14 delegate seats open with the maximum number of delegate seats determined by how many Board seats are open in that particular year. The Canadian board member and alternate shall be appointed by the Yukon Salmon Committee.

B.1. The Board of Directors shall administer the affairs of the corporation; control all expenditures and property of the corporation; select, compensate, support and evaluate the Executive Director to whom administrative and accountability is delegated; fill vacancies on the Board and among its officers; and act for its interests in any way not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and these By-laws.

B.2. The Board of Directors or the Association may not take actions to benefit one user group of the Association at the expense of others in the Association. YRDFA endeavors to balance all user groups over the long-term, but every specific action may not always benefit all user groups.

B.3. All motions of the Board or of the delegation can only pass with unanimous consent of all Board members or delegates present. Persons may abstain from voting on a particular issue but must state their reason for doing so.

C.1. The Board of Directors and the Alternates (i.e. the full Delegation) shall meet at least once on an annual basis at an annual general membership meeting. For the Annual Meeting the voting body is the full Delegation. This is the only time the full Delegation can act as a body. A quorum of at least fifteen of the thirty delegation members (including temporary voting delegates cf. section C.2. below) must be present. In addition the lower Yukon or upper Yukon area (cf. section A.2. above) respectively must have at least four of its fifteen delegates (including temporary voting delegates) present. The location and date of the annual membership meeting shall alternate annually between a lower river village (Coastal District to Y-3) and an upper river village (Y-4 to Y-6, the Koyukuk River and the Yukon Flats / 5-D) so as to foster participation in the affairs of the Association by salmon users of the various areas of the Yukon River drainage. The annual membership meeting shall always be held in a village within the Yukon River drainage, pending available funds. Regional and urban hubs may provide alternate sites if necessary.

C.2. In the event that none of the named elected delegates (Board member or Alternate) for a particular District are in attendance at an Annual Meeting a temporary voting delegate may be selected to represent the District for the annual meeting. Person(s) from the District in question may select one person from amongst their number and that person shall be seated as a temporary voting delegate. If the person(s) cannot agree on a single mutually agreeable choice then no temporary voting delegate for that District shall be seated for that annual meeting.

D. The Board of Directors shall meet at other times upon call by the Co-Chairs or by any six (6) Directors with seven (7) days notice to each Director, as funding permits or by teleconference. Board of Directors meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order only in the absence of any Board Policy or

regulation defining other parliamentary procedures. A quorum shall be a majority of the current listing of Directors. In the event that none of the named elected delegates (Board member or Alternate) for a particular district are able to attend a called meeting, a temporary voting delegate may be selected to represent the district for the meeting. The temporary voting delegate must be approved in advance by at least one of the Co-Chairs.

If a Director cannot attend a meeting it is his/her responsibility to select an Alternate from amongst the Alternates for the District. In selecting an alternate, the Director has the prerogative to choose who he/she wishes from amongst the Alternates for the District unless there is only one Alternate for the District.

In the absence of a Director, the designated Alternate Director (Hereafter Alternate) may as a substitute exercise all duties and responsibilities of a Director only for the meeting in question.

E. The Board of Directors may at their discretion appoint members of the Board as an Executive Committee as necessary to manage the business of the corporation to the extent provided for in Appendix One. Standing and ad hoc committees may be appointed or dissolved by the Board of Directors as the need arises.

F. The Directors shall serve a term of office of one year, two years or three years from the date of their election. The terms of office are as follows:

Coastal District (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024
Y-1 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024
Y-1 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2021, 2023, 2025
Y-1 (Seat 3)	2 year term	expires 2022, 2024
Y-2 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024
Y-2 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2021, 2023, 2025
Y-2 (Seat 3)	2 year term	expires 2022, 2024
Y-3 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024
Y-4 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024
Y-4 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2022, 2024
Y-5 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024
Y-5 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2021, 2023, 2025
Y-6 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024
Y-6 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2022, 2024
Koyukuk River (Seat 1)	2 year term	expires 2021, 2023, 2025
Yukon Flats / 5-D (Seat 1)	2 year term	expires 2021, 2023, 2025

Alternates:

Coastal District (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2022, 2025, 2028
Y-1 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024, 2027
Y-1 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2022, 2024, 2026
Y-1 (Seat 3)	2 year term	expires 2022, 2024, 2026
Y-2 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024, 2027
Y-2 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2021, 2023, 2025
Y-2 (Seat 3)	2 year term	expires 2022, 2024, 2026

Y-3 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024, 2027
Y-4 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024, 2027
Y-4 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2022, 2024, 2026
Y-5 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024, 2027
Y-5 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2021, 2023, 2025
Y-6 (Seat 1)	3 year term	expires 2021, 2024, 2027
Y-6 (Seat 2)	2 year term	expires 2022, 2024, 2026
Koyukuk River (Seat 1)	2 year term	expires 2021, 2023, 2025
Yukon Flats / 5-D (Seat 1)	2 year term	expires 2021, 2023, 2025

G. Vacancies on the Board of Directors or amongst the alternates may occur through resignation, death, incapacitation, imprisonment, lack of attendance or other reasons.

1. Should a member of the Delegation appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while representing YRDFA will be considered for removal.
2. Should a member of the Delegation, while in service, should be imprisoned, regardless of conviction, due to charges of domestic violence, sexual assault, or that of a felony will be removed from the board immediately.
3. Should a Director miss two meetings in consecutive order, without being excused by one of the Co-chairs, that Director shall be removed from his/her position and revert to Alternate status. "Missed" meetings include not only meetings which the Director did not attend but also meetings at which an Alternate filled in for the Director in question.
4. The seat from which a Director is removed shall be filled by one of that area's Alternates who received the most votes or shall be filled by the one alternate for that district if there is only one alternate position for that district as identified in section A.3 above.
5. The Alternate selected shall serve out the remainder of that Director's term. The Director who reverted to Alternate status shall fill out the remaining months of the one-year term of the delegate who filled his/her Director's seat.
6. A vacancy for an alternate seat can occur due to either an alternate filling a vacancy on the Board of directors or the resignation, death, incapacitation or imprisonment of an alternate. If the vacancy for the alternate seat occurs prior to December 15th of that term, then a new alternate shall be nominated and appointed through the procedure outlined in section A.3. above. If the vacancy for the alternate seat occurs on or after December 15th of that term, then a person shall be selected to fill that alternate seat (for the remainder of the one-year term) by the Directors for the District in question.

H. Terms of Board members and the alternate delegates shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30th, the length of the term determined by Section F above. The non-Director delegates (Alternates) for a District shall serve for two years from July 1 thru June 30th. These delegates as well as the Board members may run again for open seats for their district.

ARTICLE TWO
OFFICERS

A. The officers of the association shall consist of two (2) Co-Chairs, a Secretary and a Treasurer (or a Secretary/Treasurer if so desired), each of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Such other officers and assistant officers, as may be deemed necessary, may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors.

B. The officers of the association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors as soon as possible after the elections. The delegates from each district may caucus or vote to select the Board members for their district according to Article One, Section A. Each officer shall hold office from July 1 through June 30th of the following year or longer until his successor has been elected and qualified or until his death or his resignation or his removal in the manner hereinafter provided.

C. Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors with a two-thirds (2/3) majority whenever in its judgment the best interests of the association would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

D. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

E.1. The two Co-Chairs shall be the principal executive officers of the association subject to the control of the Board of Directors. One Co-Chair shall be selected from amongst the Downriver (Coastal, Y-1, Y-2, Y-3) Board membership and one Co-Chair shall be selected from amongst the Upriver (Y-4, Y-5, Y-6, Koyukuk River, Yukon Flats/5-D) Board membership. Co-Chairs shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board members present from the respective Downriver or Upriver Region.

E.2. Co-Chairs shall, when present, jointly preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and in general shall perform all duties incidental to the position and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Co-Chairs may jointly or severally appoint standing and / or ad hoc committees with the approval of the Board of Directors.

F. In the absence of one of the Co-Chairs, or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the remaining Co-Chair shall perform the joint duties of the Co-Chairs and, when so acting, shall have the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the position or by the Board of Directors.

G. The Secretary shall perform all duties related to the office of Secretary and such other duties as assigned by the Co-Chairs and as stated in the board policy manual.

H. The Treasurer shall be entrusted by the corporation to serve as chair of the Finance Committee and fulfill his / her other duties as stated in the board policy manual.

ARTICLE THREE FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the association will be from July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE FOUR WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever notice is required to be given to any Director under the provisions of these By-laws or the Articles of Incorporation or the Statutes of the State of Alaska, a waiver thereof in writing or via fax transmission, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE FIVE AMENDMENTS

A. The By-law committee of the Board of Directors or the Board itself shall make recommendation(s) to amend by-law(s) section(s) with notification(s) mailed to all Directors and Delegates of recommended by-law amendment(s) at least thirty (30) days prior to the upcoming annual meeting. Recommended amendment(s) shall be read and presented to the full Delegation during the annual meeting for their ratification.

B. All by-law amendments will require a one-hundred percent (100%) consensus vote of those Delegates present at the annual meeting. These amendments shall be read and voted on at the annual meeting after having been prepared by the duly appointed by-law Committee or the Board itself.

ARTICLE SIX MEMBERSHIP

A. YR DFA is a membership organization. Categories of membership and dues are determined by the Board of Directors and reviewed periodically.

B. Membership is open to the public and only for individuals wishing to be affiliated with the association.

C. Donors will be classified by the amount that is given to the association. Donors are open to the public. A donor can be from an individual or from a business or organization. All donors will be acknowledged on our website, unless otherwise discussed.

D. Members, when they pay their annual fee, shall indicate which of the six Yukon River (Y) Districts, the Coastal District, the Koyukuk River or the Yukon Flats/5-D they live and fish in.

E. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any application for membership.

E. At the annual membership meeting discussion and participation by members, Directors and alternates shall be encouraged.

APPENDIX ONE
DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND LIMITATIONS
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Item 1: Composition of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of ten members. Composition shall be established as follows: One Board member from each of the nine membership areas of the Yukon River Drainage as defined in Article One, Section A.2., plus one additional member from either District Y-1 or Y-2 with the two Co-Chairs automatically selected to represent their respective districts. Members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the co-chairs and follow guidelines as set forth in the board member policies. The co-chairs will determine criteria for Executive Committee membership.

Item 2: Power of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee may, in the absence of the Board, exercise authority for the Board of Directors. Six of the members serving on the Executive Committee, represented in person or by an Alternate, shall constitute a quorum. A one-hundred percent (100%) consensus vote shall be required for the adoption of each motion. In addition, the Executive Committee: 1. May not over turn a motion passed by the Board of Directors. 2. May act on matters of business consistent with Board policy when it is not possible for the Board to meet.

Item 3: Minutes

Minutes of the Executive Committee shall be taken at all meetings and will be mailed to each Director and alternate within ten (10) calendar days after each meeting.

Item 4: Absences and Vacancies

If any member of the Executive Committee is absent for two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Committee without having been excused by one of the Co-Chairs in writing, via fax transmission or by personal communication to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall declare that position vacant. When a vacancy occurs or a member has submitted a written resignation or died, the Board of Directors shall elect a new member to fulfill the unexpired portion of the term.

APPENDIX TWO
NON-PROFIT STATUS

The objects and purposes for which this association is organized are as follows:

A. To promote educational and social opportunities for the citizens of the State of Alaska, all to be carried on and the objectives thereof not for profit but, rather, exclusively for exempt charitable, civic, educational, scientific, cultural and historical purposes within the meaning of the Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act and of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now in force or as may hereafter be amended.

B. To establish communications between all user groups; subsistence, commercial, personal use, sport, and the management agencies to include all state, federal and tribal Governments

that have jurisdiction over any activity that affect the fish stocks of the Yukon River drainage whether it be direct or indirect.

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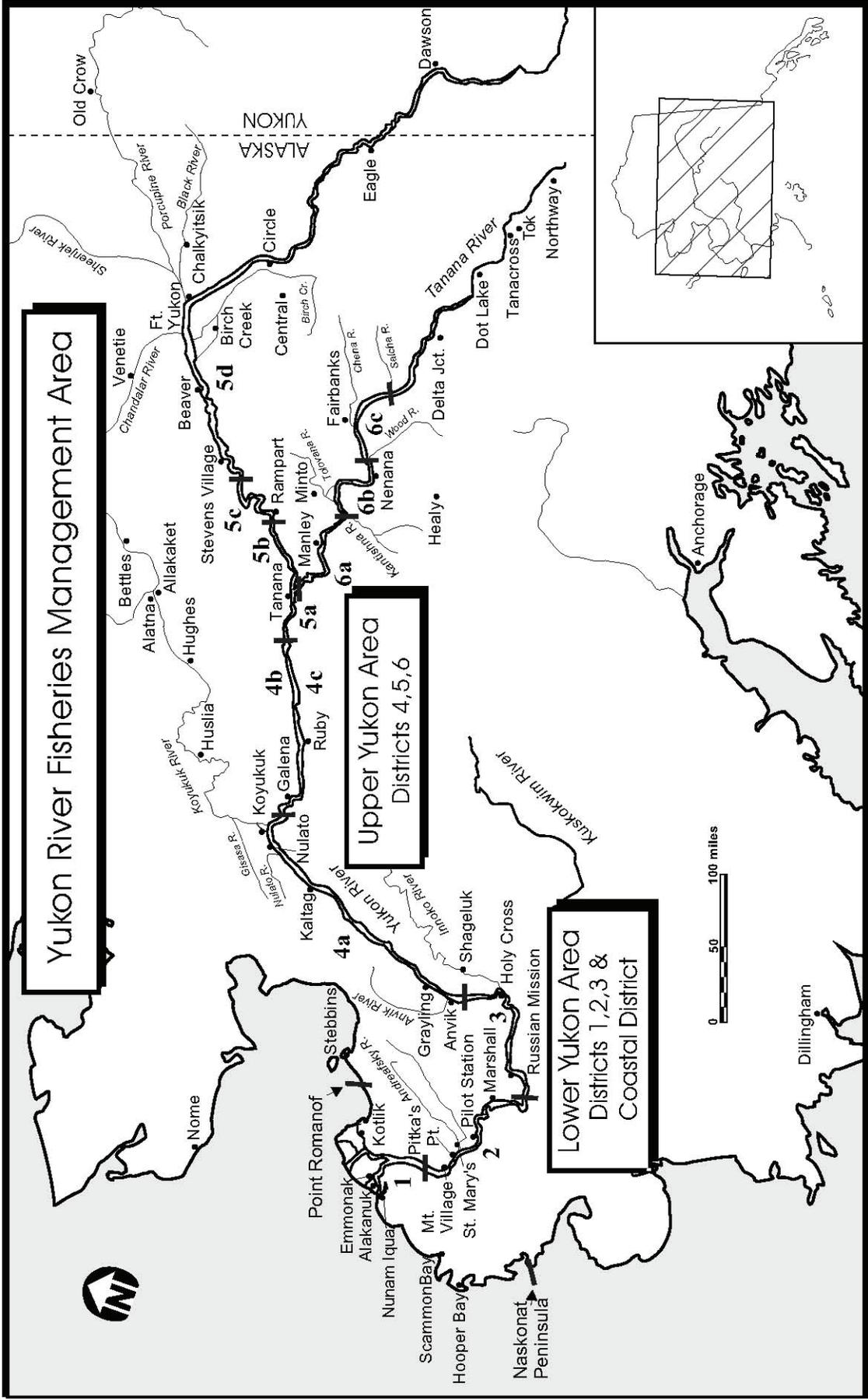
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