

Yukon River Regional Planning Team
C/O Bering Sea Fishermen's Association
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Greetings,

Enclosed with this mailing, for your review and comment, is a draft of an update to the 1998 Yukon River Comprehensive Salmon Plan (CSP) that was prepared by the Yukon River Regional Planning Team (RPT); re-established in 2015 by the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G).

The RPT is seeking public comments on the DRAFT Yukon River Comprehensive Salmon Plan. Please provide comments organized by chapter. That is, if you only have comments on Chapter 1 and 4, please fill out those sections and leave the other sections blank. Your comments may be shared publicly and used to assess the regional distribution of submitted comments.

Please return your comments on the enclosed form provided and return it in the addressed envelope to the RPT. You may also submit your comments online at the following website: www.bsfaak.org/csp2019comments/. Please note, the appendices have not been mailed out due to their large volume; they are made available on-line.

- Chapter 1 provides an introduction to Alaska's Fishery Enhancement Program.
- Chapter 2 gives an overview of the Yukon River CSP from 1998, known as Phase I.
- Chapter 3 goes over the Yukon River area with maps, major fishery systems, status of fisheries by river districts.
- Chapter 4 covers the mission, goals and strategies for Phase II of the CSP. The guiding principles of the CSP are included here. This section was worked on in detail by the RPT.
- Chapter 5 covers planning, permitting, reporting regulations, policies and public benefits of fishery enhancement in Alaska.
- Chapter 6 is about potential projects for fishery restoration, rehabilitation and enhancement along the Yukon River by district.

The RPT will review and consider all submitted comments for finalization of the CSP and will incorporate comments in a summarized table or list into the final CSP as an appendix.

Once the CSP is finalized by the RPT, the CSP will go to the ADF&G Commissioner for review and final approval.

If you would like to contact the ADF&G, please contact Garold "Flip" Pryor at 907-465-4235 or Garold.pryor@alaska.gov.

The deadline to submit comments by is December 31, 2019.

We value all comments and perspectives.

Thank you,



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Enclosures:

- Yukon River draft comprehensive salmon plan, phase II
- Yukon River Regional Planning Team Member list
- Comment form
- Return envelope addressed