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Greetings from the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association!

Here is a summary of the 4th 2022 Yukon River Salmon In-Season Management Teleconference held Tuesday, June 28, 2022. Call lasted 160 minutes. 85 callers participated.

Background: Yukon River salmon management teleconferences are held annually every Tuesday in June, July, and August for managers and fishers throughout the Yukon River drainage to discuss fishing conditions and management strategies in real time as the salmon run is occurring. Funded by the Office of Subsistence Management and the Yukon River Panel.

Media present:

KZPA Fort Yukon, Hugh Bifelt - Hughes

Political Representatives participating:

Cordelia Kellie with Murkowski's office joined late.

Communities participating:

Alakanuk
Emmonak
Kotlik
Mt. Village
Pilot Station
Marshall
Russian Mission
Holy Cross
Anvik
Huslia
Hughes
Allakaket
Tanana
Rampart
Fort Yukon
Circle
Eagle
Fairbanks

Management Reports:

Deena Jallen, Emmonak, Summer Season Manager of Yukon River

- In Emmonak, heading back to Fairbanks soon. Difficulties with contact, phone lines are down.
- Today the 28th the fort yukon will be closed and beyond, upper portion of tanana river closed as of 8pm today, fisherman can still fish for non-salmon and pink salmon as well as sockeye, can use dipnets but must release kings and summer chum, Nulato river fisherman can use hook and line gear.
- Management strategy is to implement closures as fish go upstream, hoping for potential chum runs coming in, sizable group of fish entering river but unknown in numbers, if it meets escapement goals then openings can be considered

Fred West -ADFG Summer Season Research Biologist

- Brief assessment update Most info can be found in the daily update published this morning. Currently Chinook count at Pilot is below historical average, below cumulative for this date. Difficult to determine if run timing is below average or late (June 24). Given low numbers of fish recorded so far, it is unlikely that passage goals will be met (US or Canada) Early Chinook approaching Beaver, first ? approaching Anvik
- Chum late, similar to 2020-2021. Second lowest on record. Increase in count on 25th and 26th, indicating large groups of fish going upriver but abundance too low to meet escapement goals.
- Projects: Sonar - picking up groups of pulses. Have been able to detect pulses, matching up with sonar. Unfortunately I had to cancel a few drifts (where?) due to wind, debris, and other issues. Observed chinook and chum being caught indicating continuous passage
- Pilot - water level dropping, bit of debris. Sonar and test fishing going as planned.
- 20,713 Chinook current passage, uncertainty 5100, below cum average of normal run timing (look to announcement to get these numbers) well below cumulative median
- Crew on site but delayed due to fire. Waiting for high water to go down to install weir.
- Avnik River sonar 1,729 - below media 2200,
- Gisasa weir - installation in progress
- Eagle- crew on site setting up. Hope to start counting by July 1.

Holly Carroll- USFWS Yukon Area Federal Manager - Nothing to add, good assessment and update. Wait for questions.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Jaclyn Kendall - Acting Fishery Manager DFO - Providing update on stock assessment. Then the Canadian management update. Porcupine and Eagle sonar - both have crews on site. Sonars should begin counts in the next 2-3 days. High water in Yukon - central Yukon is high but within historic ranges. Above air temps for next few days. No counts yet but counts (of salmon) expected soon. Management - conservation priority, will remain closed throughout 2022 unless information changes. No allocation to First Nations subsistence fisheries.

Community level reports:

District Y1:

Alakanuk: Max surveyor - Not many fish in Alakanuk, some fish imarrpingaqs and Humpies (pinks) have started showing up.

John Lamont - Meeting on 14th, I asked Department ADFG and USFWS, I asked when the upper Yukon districts would be closed. I was quoted. I see that they are open through the 28th. That is a discrepancy.

Deena - Miscommunication, but we are basing our closures times on the timing of early fish. Fish are expected to get to those districts on the 28th so that is when they are closing. Apologies if we miscommunicated the dates to you.

Emmonak: Billy Charles - Announcing myself, first call for this year.

Kotlik: Lorraina Prince - worried about people not getting enough fish for the winter, just like last summer. We are not used to that salmon they sent us from Bristol Bay. If it happens like last year, and we are really scrounging, what is going to happen if we don't have any subsistence this summer? I'm wondering if anyone could predict if it is going to be worse than last summer and if our people are going to summer more than last summer with no fish.

Deena - the runs appear to be late and poor, they are coming in below the levels that we need for escapement. Thus there is NO harvestable surplus for subsistence. Just trying to help those fish get up to their spawning grounds. We will have a better indicator about the Fall season once we wrap up the summer season. It may be another year very similar to last year. People may be able to go out and take advantage of other species. It is very important to let these fish make it to their spawning grounds.

Lorraina - I have heard the reports on low escapements, I don't have much hope to do our subsistence for chum and king. Can we look for alternatives? I had to buy king strips from Anchorage, a lot of our people can't afford that. I'm thinking about our legislators and people who might help but it is good to be prepared. My mom said it was going to get rough (elder's warning), so we need to look for alternatives.

Deena- We have gone through chum crashes before and they have come back.

Jack - I got a hold of some of our legislature to make you guys open us up on the Yukon River. They said the USFWS are not cooperating with the Representatives [State Representatives and Senators]. We are not used to the fish from Bristol Bay. I tasted it while I was in Anchorage. It is not like our fish. Yukon River people, our immune systems, our bodies, our biological selves, we are not used to another kind of fish. We are used to the fish oil that we get from Chum salmon or king salmon. We need to have it in our bodies. We need to work together. That is not the case with the USFWS, they are ignoring what the legislature is trying to do with subsistence needs. Open at least one 24 hour period in each district. Not on the same day. One period so at least the people will get the fish that they get. You could have 4 days out the whole summer to make the people, especially the Elders that require the salmon for their body. I would like the ADF&G to do that for the whole river, even into Canada. At least the people would get a taste of the salmon that is required (by our bodies). How are you going to compensate for all of the people that want to do subsistence fishing? We are always the last ones to receive fish from ADFG in Emmonak. It just goes to the people in Emmonak, Alakanuk and Nunam Iqua. They don't go to Mountain Village or Kotlik. Gas prices are so high. It's not worth it to go to Emmonak to get 2-3 salmon from the people who are doing the test fishing. They are only doing it on the south mouth, they do not help the people living on the North Mouth. We need to do

tests on all three of the drainages (mouths) of the Yukon River. I hope you will be able to work with the legislatures of your district to open the river. That would help a lot of people.

Deena - I can address a couple of points. Holly and I co-manage the fisheries as they come into the River. We have the same escapement goals and we work very closely together. She will also be working with Christy Gleason in the fall.

-We have our test fisheries where they are to get a relative number of how many fish are in the river. We get a better estimate at Pilot Station because the fish are all in one channel.

-Thank you for those comments and concerns that you raised.

Holly - Essentially what you are saying is that you want the legislatures to force USFWS to open the fishery. But if we could give a fishing opening we absolutely would. We've shared the data about how poor these runs are, we might not be doing a good enough job explaining the data about poor biological runs. For example, if there wasn't enough moose, we would stop that. We can't let 3,000 kings be taken like in 2015. Right now we are worried if we don't get every fish to the spawning ground, we won't have runs in 4 years. We understand the work with legislators but our work with biologists is more direct.

Jack - We understand the moose analogy but they don't feel related. We want the fish oil for our Yukon people. I'd like to see fish and game bring fish over to Kotlik, people tend to keep fish to themselves.

Deena - Who in Kotlik would be a good person to come pick up a load? Our test fish catches have been low.

Jack - Are you utilizing the Middle Mouth camp? That would help with people who want to get some fish for people in Kotlik.

Deena - We aren't doing the Middle Mouth camp this summer, this year, additionally to reduce fish caught in our test fishery we aren't doing the middle mouth camp.

Jack - You have to have commercial fishing to open the Middle Mouth camp?

Deena- For conservation concerns it stays closed.

A normal drift is 20 minutes but the crew will shorten them if needed. We are just looking for CPU - Catch per unit effort.

Jack - What size mesh are you using to do the test fishery? After restrictions to nets of 6", king salmon would come in at low tide.

Deena - Don't want to derail the teleconference. We use a variety of mesh sizes. We use sizes consistently from year to year and different sizes for Chinook and chum. Please call the office later this week to get all the details.

Jack - Thank you. We need to think of the people here.

District Y2:

Mt. Village: Nita- Spoke with 3 fisherman, no one fished. Water has dropped, no drift. There is a family going to camp to wait for pinks at their fish camp.

Stan - Our water did drop a couple feet, 8-10 inch dock exposed out of water. Very little drift. Haven't heard of anyone catching salmon. I was at a fish camp over the weekend. When I talked to people around Old Hamilton, they said their 4" was starting to catch pink salmon. One person downriver, lower end of Coffee point, with a 4" 60 feet. Thank you Fish and Game for the distribution of 6 kings and 20 chums. Rumors down here are circling, locals and other communities call and ask if there are closures for subsistence, if they will be regulated, apologize for not calling you directly, if they call and ask me about closures or windows, what should my answer be?

Holly - USFWS- the river is already closed to salmon fishing, nearly all the way up to Canada. Your area, Mountain Village, has been closed for quite some time. If you are talking about whether there would be openings, No there are not enough fish. For now the summer season is going to stay closed to any salmon fishing. What is allowed right now is 4" gear for non salmon. If anyone hears any rumors or has any doubt, they can call that hotline and it will give you the fishing schedule toll free **1-866-479-7387**. That covers the fishing schedule whether you are in Federal Waters or state waters.

Stan - Everyone knows salmon fishing is closed. They were referring to the 4" gear, whether you were going to cut them off completely or whether there was going to be a schedule imposed on them, i.e. 2 48 hour windows a week. The ones I spoke to had only caught (non salmon) and humpies starting to pick up. I was asking if the 4" would be shut off or have windows imposed. Or is it completely open 24 / 7 with that 4", 60' length.

Holly - I understand more - we don't have plans to reduce gear beyond 4", we understand people fishing to supplement loss of salmon. Last fall, the 4" gillnets were limited since incidental harvest might hurt the run so we implemented that. WE haven't made a management strategy for this fall yet. The first July call will mention that.

Stan - The only way to get the word out is radio - only talking about Norton Sound fishery and not as much info in radio. People from fish camp call me for info. According to the announcement, not much is mentioned about Yukon.

Deena - ADF&G- Pass it on to Cally, she records the radio announcements. We haven't had any changes so no new radio announcements. Maybe we can provide an update.

Stan - Thanks, that would help everyone out there in Fish camp. I'm sure a lot of people will be grateful to hear the news rather than calling neighbors etc.

Stan - I keep hearing people running up, going past the river, I believe that is an open area. Can we go there and get our subsistence fish?

Deena - I don't have the Nome number 1-800-560-2271 to get info about Nome fishing schedule. They will broadcast on radio as well.

Holly- According to ADF&G in Nome, it's open all the way to Point Romanoff. That is open 24/7. 907-443-5167

Deena - Point of clarification, I think you mean North of Point Romanoff. South of Point Romanoff is Yukon River management and north is Norton Sound management area

Pilot Station: Martin Kelly - Nothing to report from Pilot, high water levels - debris in the river today. A full day of much needed rain, expecting more through 4th of July, short opportunity for families. Temps have been steady ~60 degrees. Lots of mosquitoes this year. Report on subsistence on Kuskokwim river 1/3-1/4 length compared to the Yukon. Kusko salmon are state management, reading on KYUK.org Management is less stringent in the Bethel area. Annual counts from previous years we use 4-7 cycles to do counts. The emphasis we put every year on salmon management is especially high this year. We did a moose number count, lower yukon sacrifice to get salmon counts up? Thinking about Governor Tony Knowles subsistence priority and what happened to it? We on the Yukon river, we use TEK. We took only what we needed. We were never regulated, we were never restricted.

Marshall: Diane - water has been low. People are catching fish with pus pockets. Save them for their dogs. Concerns from people around Marshall. Questions or comments - Trawlers and Area M. Why not restrict them until our numbers come up? We do not overharvest here. We use all that we harvest. Comments about Test fishery moving to Marshall from the Pilot Station so we could get some test fish for our Elders and people who cannot fish.

David - Trying to follow the conversation. I guess the frustrations are starting to come out. I would like to state that maybe I'm feeling pretty frustrated too. I would like to ask management, why is ADF&G and the Governor, or whoever is in charge is allowing intercept fisheries while we are struggling? Intercept fisheries without caps, without limits, only set by themselves. Getting back to the moose story and the moratorium, You should shut those intercept fisheries down and allow our stocks to rebuild. Please comment on this.

Holly - I want to thank you for honestly commenting, there is a lot of frustration. The subsistence users on the Yukon aren't the reason these runs are poor, but they bear the brunt of the consequences. When the runs were poor you only took a few and let most go by, but this year isn't the case because the numbers are so poor. Other fisheries do take a lot without caps, I understand that. There are legislators and managers on this call, and more needs to be done, we do hear you from all across the river with these concerns, this conversation isn't over. When these are brought up in these forums more can be done.

David - Thank you.

Leon Edwards - What I see all around the state of AK- State and Federal Law, the state law prevents the federal government from making laws. The guy from Pilot, Tony Knowles comment. Law that he made on us. ADF&G reached Pilot Station late, to set up tests. ADF&G in Emmonak, reached their destination point late. I have been paying attention on the river and abiding with the 4" law. There has been proof, Facebook, that salmon run under the ice, even in the fall after ADF&G leave. The numbers are inaccurate. I grew up subsistence fishing in Marshall all the way down to Emmonak. I know a lot of people, family on this river. It is discrimination to allow everyone around us to fish, even on the coast. People who are commercial fishing, slaughtering more than we could even feed to our family. Our ancestral rights. This is our food, this is our river. And the coast, they do not know where all that ocean salmon is headed for. I'd also like to ask, how come all around us, people are fishing? Posting all over, "stay to the left" or down in the ocean where they have commercial salmon fishing. It is our river. Some of them aren't on food stamps. There has got to be a solution. We need to stand

together. It's our main consumption that lasts us all throughout the year, even through the winter. There are posts I see, people wasting salmon, giving them to dogs! I think it is time for the Yukon river people to just go fishing. Everyone around us is fishing, commercial fishing. We are being targeted and discriminated against. People are starving. ADFG won't put food on your tables. They won't increase your food stamps.

Deena: Some fish are being intercepted, some are from climate change, some are from bycatch, a lot of our fish are being hurt from multiple directions, and they need to be protected.

District Y3:

Russian Mission: Basil - There is a lot of frustration. A lot of it is not being on the same page. There has been... the water is going down low, slowly, but it is still above North bank. There has been constant drift. Due to high water. Not a lot. There will be pulses of sticks. That comes out from mouths of creeks. That is preventing people from setting their 4" net. We have to set net for only a day at a time and then wait for the sticks to pass. Otherwise you will just have to cut your net. My brother and cousin did catch one sturgeon each. They both let them go. I wish they'd pulled them in the boat and took a picture but they didn't. There have been people dip netting. Some people go near the mouth of the creeks to stock up on whitefish. Some people caught some older chums. They let them go. It was surprising to see some turning fish. The streams on the North side are traditional spots to catch whitefish. Rocky bottom streams. We remain conservative, even when we do go after some fish we remain conservative.

Holy Cross: David Walker - Water levels went down about 2 ½ feet. Most disconnection from the river I've had. Fish camps are overgrown. One elder told me that this is cultural genocide happening. If there is zero fish on the table for our people in the river then there should be zero fish as bycatch. What saved our moose years ago is that we're not allowed to kill cows. Difficult to not catch female salmon, but regardless, when bycatch is "low" 7000 is still a lot of fish, and how many of those are spawners, egg fish. With that stress over the years that's led to today. Bycatch - we need to stop the big leaks. Frustrated, wanting to cry hearing the Canadians, the projects and panels are meaningful but not stopping the problems. For a while the fish and animals adjust to climate change, so I don't believe it. No fish here, a little debris. Generations connected to the river and fish and now it's cut off.

District Y4a:

Anvik: Alberta - I don't have anything to report for Anvik. There is no fishing or nothing going on here. No one is fishing.

Huslia: Lisa Bifelt -contacted 7 households, 3 interviewed and fished. A few could not find a usable eddy so didn't fish. Fishers interviewed caught 70 whitefish? Gear used was 4", 4.5, 6", 7" and 7.5" Our salmon closure starts on the 25th. We fish for whitefish right off the riverbank in town.

Hughes: Hugh Bifelt - Water technicians - Test fisheries, 1 chum caught 5 days ago, 2 humpies and a pike, doing the seining for ciscos to put away and dry. Warm and in the 80s, lot of forest fires and smoky. No one is fishing. Everyone is frustrated by the lack of salmon.

Allakaket: Pollock - Not much to report. No salmon yet. In the sloughs there are pike and whitefish to feed your dogs. I don't believe anyone has fish nets out. The water is low and there is a lot of smoke. Must be a forest fire nearby. No fishing here.

District Y5abc&d:

Tanana: Stan Zuray at Rapids, Water high but showing first signs of dropping. A fair amount of drift is still in the river including some big stuff. Only a few 4" nets in the river and almost no fish camps functioning or open yet. More people than last year saying they may not even open camps and many have no 4" nets anyway. Whitefish numbers are pretty low but probably due to high water most figure. Most are just trying to feed the few dogs they have left. Lots of smoke and at times almost can't see across the river. No reports of any king caught in 4" mesh but the first ones must have been passing for a while now.

Rampart: Brooke Woods - Appears to be a biological concern for King Salmon, using moose example. No sustainable yield that matches the state data. Decline in moose that matches the salmon data. Also causes food insecurity for our Tribe. Intercept fishery is a good explanation, current harvest is 2 million, 350,000 chum fish have been intercepted. No hard cap on these fish, no moves to place a hard cap. Deep fried fish sticks, McDonalds fish fillets, etc. but fisheries haven't been managed. From years of working with partners, we made our requests to the NPFMC year-round, their 14 day meetings are heavy and intense, exhausting meetings with no action being taken year after year. This isn't conservation, protecting female fish or ensuring spawning success. Management needs to address the larger issues in areas with the largest subsistence harvest and low impact. Tribes feel completely ignored and the commissioner hasn't responded to a letter about Area M since May. This should be a priority. Bycatch and Area M are areas of concern. My daughter returns to a region without salmon or cultural practices, we need fish strips and food security. Disagree about Area M fishery, the managers of this fishery seems to be too busy to attend this call. One thing that wasn't taken away from us during assimilation. Thoughts back to history, boarding schools. Recommend to read a required book from the science fishery program - Unnatural History of the Sea, Callum Roberts. Not enough being done for Alaska Native People. Thank you for letting me speak. NPFMC allows 3-5 minutes to speak, not an equitable practice.

Fort Yukon: Kara'lisa Tremblay - I surveyed 7 people and only 1 reported fishing. Whitefish, pike. The water is high. There were no reports of salmon caught.

Circle: Larry - I'm concerned about high seas fishery going on - our fisheries are devastated, my question at NPFMC are the concerns they think the fisheries concerns aren't there?

Holly - I am not an expert on NPFMC. Like Brooke is saying, she has been to a lot of meetings. Caps. We do have limits on chinook. It has reduced their harvest. We are learning more about it. Colleague and she explained that it is very complex. Most of the chum out there are Japanese or Russian. A flat cap may cause boats to move to Alaska bound chum areas. It is a very complex system and there are a lot of biologists trying to find a solution. I do not have expertise to answer your question. Call in experts from NOAA.

Larry - Let's get back to last year: what is the total number of fish that passed the sonar, how many made it to the spawning grounds?

Holly - For Chinook and chum, a bit of a different story. For chum we only have 3 or 4 escapements, for Chinook, many chinook made it to the sonar entrance into Canada. We don't have an answer to why less fish make it than expected within the river, but there aren't solid answers on that. More reason to take a conservative approach. Need to keep collecting data.

Martin - Question for Holly, while focusing on trawlers, not being subtle but straightforward. If there were no trawlers, no Area M bycatch for Yuko and Kuskokwim bound salmon, how would the numbers be today? Do you know the answer to my question? If no salmon on conveyor belts in trawlers, how would the numbers be today? With all the technology, it should be simple.

Holly - We are all trying to do the best we can. I'm not an expert in the North Pacific. For chinook the amount of interception that occurred 4-5 years ago is not enough to cause what is happening today. For Yukon chum stock... We are certainly seeing a major crash in our chums right now. Unless we start to have experts on that fishery on this call [was not able to capture].

Eagle: Ruby - I have some observations. No one is fishing. The water is very very high. It has been extremely high all year. Covering up many of the islands in the river. Water has come down but the willows are completely covered with silt. It is dropping now. If people were fishing, it would be very difficult, especially large drift. Unusual combo of high water and dry conditions. No fires at the moment. People in Eagle feel very strongly that the managers are doing the best they can with what they have. We support the closures. Not speaking for all of Eagle but I am speaking for the people I have spoke with. Some have cautioned the managers from lowering the escapement goals. Escapement is highest priority. Thank you to Eagle sonar crew who are working hard getting their camp set up. I appreciated Brooke's commentary. I really feel for everything you said. Many people here in Eagle have similar sentiments.

District Y6abc:

Fairbanks: Virgil: Super smoky in Fairbanks. People expressed concern by fishery in the Bering sea, trawling. I personally think that the hatcheries are more of a problem than the trawl fishery. Multiple scientists leading the issue solutions say that our biggest problem of salmon is a less productive ocean, like a drought on land. In the Fairbanks area, 40-mile caribou herd was closed in 1973, remained closed for more than 10 years. Caribou season was also closed on the Denali highway. Did away with the drawing permit, then wolves were managed eventually and caribou began to return. Eastern Interior ACs work together to rebuild the herd, the last 2 years we've had long seasons, closes in September, opens in November through March. Two caribou limit. The hatchery system is subsidized by the State of AK. People need to wake up and worry about the Hatcheries and Area M.

Area M update - Caught and reported chum salmon by /June 25 (or 27?)- 419,000.

Additional Speakers:

Deena Jallen - Updated information from Forrest, he was flying today during the call.

Serena - Update on letter that BSFA and YR DFA submitted to the Governor on Area M. It has not been answered. The letter to the Area M Seiners Association has been answered. We met yesterday to talk about an action plan. On our website and Facebook page we will provide an update.

John Lamont - Is the run better this year than last year? Is this year's chinook better or poorer than last year's? Grayling area with boat load of kings. Posted it on Facebook and they pulled it off right away. I think it was Shirley Clark who posted it. Wondering if that was really from this year?

-Another item, I heard state and fed manager, I'm nervous about escapement of kings and chums in Alaska and Canada. Why are they nervous, and if they are, why aren't they at these meetings as well? - talking about the NPFMC and Area M.

-Sat June 25 at 5pm, boat with harvested king salmon with large webbing gear marks. Thinks it might be Shirley Clark's post. Wondering if the Dept knows about this.

Deena - Encourage folks to call wildlife number to report illegal fishing. Grayling closed on June 15. Whether or not runs are better or worse this year than last year, Kings appear to be worse than 2021, Chum are slightly better than 2021. From the first round of genetics, some might be of Canadian origin.

John - responded to one of the participants, very nervous about talking with the legislature creating an opening....

Deena - Sounds like confusion about how we manage in season. We have not spoken to the legislature about management, We have management plans in place. If it looks like we have enough salmon to meet the escapement goals then maybe we can have a small opening with selective gear.

David Walker - With respect to allegations of Shirley Clark. Early Saturday I went to the airport and she was on the airplane. She said she had to go to Aniak (Kuskokwim river) because they caught 27 kings in Aniak. She said it had been years since she cut kings.

John - Thank you for that clarification. I really appreciate it.

Stan - Previous teleconferences I've participated in, I've brought up what we've gone through in the late 70s and early 80s, the crash that happened. Why are we so afraid to restrict and target the pollock fishery? Is it because they have too many lawyers, the fishermen are out of state residents? We can put more restrictions on Alaska residents, but last year, 2.4 million chums were harvested in False Pass, there's gotta be more restrictions on them. Is there any way we can put more restrictions on the False Pass Fishery?

Deena - We encourage you to bring this up at the RAC meeting, particularly area m. Board of Fish meetings are where these discussions take place that affect Area M. NPFMC makes decisions about the Bering Sea bycatch.

Jeep - How are the Pollock stocks / population doing? Are they going down like our stocks are?

Serena - I will check in with NPFMC people to see if they can get on the call next week.

Jeep - Next week is 4th of July.

Serena - We will still be having the call on Tuesday. It will be July 5th.

Robert in Anvik. - We have fish coming from Aniak for people in Anvik. Some people are really concerned that we don't have any fish for the whole summer. People from the Kusko come over to the Yukon for their pike. This is our way of sharing the food, we don't have to hide it or hog it. Speaking of moose, we are being overrun by Grizzly bears. There are no fish up the Anvik, no fish up the Andreafski ??? So the bears are coming in. This is supposed to be a renewable resource. I really think there should be a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 panel. When we look at NPFMC fisheries. Maybe these fish are moving north.

Call ended: 3:40 PM AKST