

Yukon Fisheries News

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

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Serena Fitka

YRDFA Executive Director

"It's going to be a miracle if we get 71,000 Chinook past the border," as stated online by Sven Paukan during the listening session coordinated by the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks regarding the agreement between the ADFG and Canada to not fish for Chinook salmon for 7 years or until the escapement of 71,000 is met. We have not

been fishing in the Yukon River for Chinook salmon since 2017, and all we have seen is a continuous decline. The only restrictions we have seen on the Chinook salmon are being placed on the in-river users and not along the migration route. Managing the migratory route of the Chinook salmon of the Yukon River has been declared a priority for the past five years, yet nothing has been improving.

Collaboration between the two agencies is of the utmost importance in order to execute efficient management strategies that effectively tackle the decline of the Chinook salmon along their entire migration route. The absence of comprehensive measures renders the ultimate fate of Chinook salmon in the Yukon River uncertain. This seven-year agreement between Canada and the State of Alaska must be reevaluated in light of river user input. It is imperative to supplement this agreement with an addendum that establishes the specific manner in which each clause shall be executed. The agreement may look good on paper, but the execution of this agreement is contingent upon the State of Alaska and Federal Management taking definite action in other jurisdictional fishing districts in the marine environment to ensure the Yukon River

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Upcoming Meetings

North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting

June 3-12, 2024 / Kodiak, AK

YRDFA Yukon River In- season Teleconference

Starting June 4, 2024 @ 1PM
Teleconference

YRDFA Watershed Ecosystem Action Plan Restoration Training

June 4-7, 2024 / Fairbanks, AK

Salmon Knows No Borders Educational Exchange

July 22-Aug 1, 2024
Dawson and Old Crow, YT Canada

Salmonfest

August 2-4, 2024 / Ninilchik, AK

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strategies with managers and fishers throughout the Yukon
River Drainage.

June 1 through August 31, 2024

1:00 PM Alaska Time

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[Director's Report continued]

escapement of 71,000 is met. On numerous platforms where local concerns are implemented, including the Board of Fisheries, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, and the Yukon River Panel, public testifiers have raised their voices in recent years about the dire need for changes in the marine environment. When will action be taken to implement the required modifications so that Indigenous peoples of Western Alaska can resume fishing for Chinook?

During the many meetings I've attended, I've heard phrases determining salmon runs, such as unknown run size, differences in estimates, and unknown conditions in marine waters. I fully comprehend that predicting the run size of our salmon in the river prior to their arrival is an extremely difficult task. Nevertheless, our Chinook salmon population has been steadily declining; preventative measures ought to have been implemented at that time. We cannot continue to go down the same path and continue to state that one thing has nothing to do with the other.

Since my first testimony to the NPFMC in 2021, only three individuals from the Yukon River had contributed to that meeting's testimony. Record-breaking attendance has been observed over this previous year on platforms where our voices must be heard. I shall persist in advocating for the inclusion of local perspectives, actively participating in decision-making processes, and fostering effective reforms that are not only imperative for our benefit but also for the welfare of our children and the Yukon River salmon.

Silvana Filler



Farewell from longtime YRDFA Finance Manager, Richell Carmichael

To the YRDFA Board, Staff, and the people of the Yukon,

As I bid farewell to you from the role of Finance manager for YRDFA, I sincerely hope that it is not a forever farewell. I hope to get the opportunity to cross paths with you again, share stories of the happenings on the River and visit as old friends.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to have worked alongside such an exceptional team. It has been an honor to serve this organization and contribute to its success. During my time here, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication and hard work of each and every member of the YRDFA team and board. Your unwavering commitment to our mission has made it possible for us to achieve great things. I am proud to have been a part of this journey. As I move on to new challenges, I will cherish the memories and friendships I have made during my time at YRDFA. I wish you all continued success and happiness in the years to come. Thank you for everything.

Your friend,

Richell Carmichael



Alma (left) and April (right), Alaska Department of Fish and Game employees with the local community assistant Fred (middle) to conduct the Subsistence Salmon Harvest Surveys in Emmonak in September 2023.

Subsistence Salmon Harvest Surveys: A History of Partnerships

Andy Padilla and April Harding Scurr, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has been collecting subsistence harvest data since the 1960's. The goal of the Subsistence Salmon Harvest Survey is to provide reliable annual community subsistence fish harvest estimates. These harvest estimates have been used to help fishery managers determine the total salmon run size, which is used to forecast the strength of future runs, and help set preseason and long-term management strategies. The information provides historical trends and use patterns of prominent salmon species.

Over time, these confidential subsistence surveys developed into an opportunity for people to relay subsistence needs, to ask questions, give feedback and advice, and to mutually share information. The surveys became especially important for people that did not have another opportunity to have their voices heard. That's why starting in 2004, ADF&G partnered with YRDFA to conduct the subsistence surveys. The mutually beneficial relationship allowed YRDFA to find and hire local community assistants in each community to help conduct the surveys with ADF&G employees. This partnership became essential for greater communication and knowledge exchange during these community surveys.

Each year, from early September through October, YRDFA and the community assistants collaborate with ADF&G surveyors. They work in tandem, covering 33 communities along the 1,500 miles of the Alaskan portion of the Yukon River. Although the community assistants do not conduct the actual survey, they are truly invaluable to the success of the surveys, as they fulfill many other vital roles. To be respectful of the communities, the community assistants inform ADF&G, prior to arrival, if the planned survey dates will conflict with local ceremonies or events so dates can be rescheduled. When ADF&G reaches the community, they meet with the YRDFA assistants to update community maps and review the list of household. These updates allow all members of the community to be contacted, and to speak with ADF&G if they choose. Assistants can also show ADF&G where the school, city, and tribal offices and



April (left), Alma (middle), and Michelle (right), Alaska Department of Fish and Game employees surveying the community of Emmonak in September 2023.

lodging are located. Community assistants have also acted as translators, a truly invaluable service for increased knowledge flow. Sometimes assistants survey door to door with ADF&G, introducing everyone and communicating the purpose of this survey. Assistants can also help arrange transportation to the next community. These are some, but not all, of the valuable ways community assistants have contributed towards the success of these subsistence surveys for many years.

In the last 20 years YRDFA has hired over 320 local residents as community assistants, sometimes the same individuals for multiple years. These

assistants are your neighbors, cousins, sisters and brothers, aunts, uncles, and friends; people that know your community and know you. They are yours and our, liaisons and ambassadors. YRDFA makes these valuable connections possible.

Quyana. Hai'. Dogedinh'. Mashi Choo. Maasee'. Ana Baasee'. Thank you. To YRDFA, and to you, for allowing us into your communities and homes to share with us. See you in the fall.

Are you interested in learning more? Keep up to date with current fishing schedules, fish counts, regulations, and fish happenings on the Yukon River at the resources below.

- YRDFA Yukon River In-Season Salmon Management Teleconferences
- Every Tuesday: June through August
- 1:00pm Alaska Time/2:00pm Yukon Time
- 1-800-315-6338, Participation Code: YUKON # (98566#)
- Fishing Schedule and Fish Counts: 1-866-479-7387 or (907) 459-7387, or at www.adfg.alaska.gov/yukonfishcounts
- Advisory Announcements: www.cfnews.adfg.alaska.gov
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG>
- The methods and community harvests of the Salmon Subsistence Harvest Surveys are published in an annual report. All state reports are available online at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/publications/>



Alaska Department of Fish and Game's employee Alma, was fortunate to see some Belugas being harvested while visiting the town of Scammon Bay during her Subsistence Salmon Harvest Surveys.

Seven Year Agreement for Canadian-Origin Chinook salmon

Deena Jallen, ADF&G Yukon River Area Management Biologist (Summer Season)

On April 1, 2024, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) signed an agreement regarding the recovery of Canadian-origin Chinook salmon in the Yukon River drainage. The agreement is focused on rebuilding Canadian-origin Chinook salmon stocks to a level that they can once again provide for subsistence and other fisheries. The Agreement is a reflection of ADF&G and DFO's shared commitment to the conservation of this shared resource.

During the 7-year period of the agreement, directed Chinook salmon commercial, sport, domestic, and personal use fisheries in the mainstem Yukon River in Alaska, and in Canada, will be closed. This 7-year period (from 2024 through 2030) represents one full Chinook salmon life cycle.

The Agreement sets forth a rebuilding target of 71,000 Chinook salmon international border passage. This number is expected to maximize recruits to the spawning grounds and is large enough to offset pre-spawn mortality that may be occurring before Chinook salmon reach spawning grounds in the upper portions of the watershed in Canada.

This year (2024) the forecast for Canadian-origin Chinook salmon is for a low run of 19,000 to 28,000 fish. Because the run forecast is well below the new rebuilding target, fishing for Chinook salmon will be closed. The border passage objective will be in place for the seven years of the Agreement and is much higher than the previous years international management escapement goal (IMEG). This new rebuilding objective seeks to address concerns about low Chinook salmon productivity by getting more salmon to their spawning grounds and getting more eggs in the gravel.

When the border passage of Chinook salmon is projected to be below the new 71,000 fish target, all fishing for Chinook salmon will remain closed. Additionally, managers will use the Canadian-origin run size at Pilot Station sonar and estimates of en route mortality to guide management decisions. In recent years, about 40% of the Canadian-origin Chinook salmon run has failed to make it from the Pilot Station sonar to the Eagle sonar.

During the 7-year period, if border passage is projected to exceed 71,000 fish, accounting for en route mortality, subsistence fisheries may be opened. Sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries will remain closed.

Harvest of Chinook salmon in other fisheries, such as for non-salmon and summer chum salmon, must be minimized. To maintain fishing opportunities for other species, selective harvest methods will be used, such as dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels. All Chinook salmon must be released alive, and fishermen should practice gentle handling techniques and consider modifying their gear to be as fish friendly as possible. ADF&G Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang said, "Over the past few years Alaska has developed selective harvest methods to minimize the incidental harvest of Chinook salmon while providing opportunities to harvest other species such as chum salmon. While we understand these selective harvest methods are [less efficient], we believe it is in the best interest of Alaskans to rebuild our shared Chinook salmon stocks."

Another important aspect of the Agreement is that it acknowledges the importance of Chinook salmon for ceremonial use and transmission of cultural knowledge and allows for limited harvest opportunity for these purposes free from international obligation. Additionally, the Agreement addresses a priority on traditional and local ecological knowledge research on the health of Yukon River Chinook salmon to better understand the causes of low run abundances and to identify possible solutions.

The Agreement tasks the Yukon River Panel, a group of stakeholders and agency representatives appointed by the governments of the U.S. and Canada, to develop a plan to guide recovery of the stocks. Senior Director Steve Gotch of DFO noted "The people living along the Yukon River are best poised to help develop the principles and objectives within the recovery plan. Traditional knowledge and western science will guide the path forward".

Impacts from marine fisheries were also addressed in the Agreement, and in accordance with Pacific Salmon

Treaty Chapter 8, section 12, Alaska will maintain efforts to increase the in-river run of Chinook salmon by reducing marine catches and bycatches to the extent practicable. These actions include genetic testing of Chinook salmon harvested incidentally in Area M sockeye fisheries to determine stock of origin beginning in 2024, and bycatch limiting measures in the Bering Sea pollock fishery.

The Parties (ADF&G and DFO) will also work together on habitat and restoration activities and support research so that we can better understand declines in Chinook salmon runs. Research priorities include factors related to salmon health, habitat degradation from resource development, competition from hatchery production, and environmental variability. Funding for these efforts will be pursued from the U.S Congress, Canadian government, and other sources. In any ongoing and new research projects, the take of Chinook salmon for scientific research purposes shall be minimized and non-lethal sampling methods shall be used where possible.

For more information, please see the Press Release and Agreement:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/news/pressreleases/pdfs/alaska_fish_game_fisheries_oceans_canada_agreement_recovery_yukon_chinook_04012024.pdf

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/news/hottopics/pdfs/yukon_river_chinook_salmon_7_year_management_2024_2030.pdf

Integrating Local and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (LTK) into Anadromous Waters Cataloging and Fish Inventories of select drainages of the Tanana and Yukon rivers 2021-2024

Catherine Moncrieff, YRDFA Archeologist

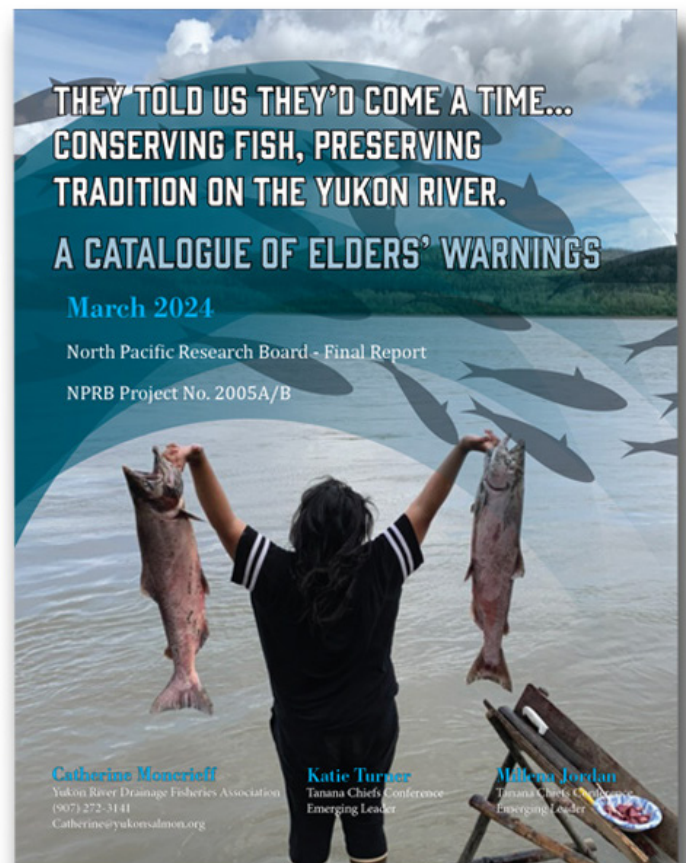
This project, funded by the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund (AKSSF), is wrapping up at the end of June 2024. It was a partnership between YRDFA and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the communities of Tanana, Nenana, and Manley Hot Springs. Our goal was to identify important areas with anadromous fish and other fish for investigations to nominate areas for the Anadromous Waters Catalog and the Alaska Freshwater Fish Inventory. In year one, we conducted interviews and mapping activities with 20 knowledgeable fishers and hunters in the three communities. In year two, the ADFG team conducted their field work to document fish presence, rearing, and spawning. Nominations were made for water bodies supporting anadromous fishes such as least cisco, broad whitefish, humpback whitefish, and/or Chinook salmon. They caught 15 species and made 29 nominations to the Alaska Freshwater Fish Inventory on 30 water bodies including 13 new or extended water bodies added to the Anadromous Waters Catalog, 8 water bodies had new species or species life-phases added, and 33 miles of previously unlisted anadromous fish habitat (streams) were added.

During the summer of 2023, we extended this project so that ADFG could conduct a final field season to catch up from weather delays during the 2022 season. To assist the collection process, we contracted with a local fisher out of Tanana to sample 4 streams that the ADFG team was unable to successfully sample at in 2022. Additionally, the ADFG team was able to travel to Nenana in August to sample in some headwater sites in their area. This completed our fish sampling for this project. Our next activity will be holding community meetings in Nenana, Manley Hot Springs and Tanana to share with them our results and hear their feedback and questions. These meetings will be taking place in May and June and we are currently coordinating with the communities to set up meeting date and times. The final task will be for ADFG to submit their nominations and Anadromous Waters Catalog.

For more information about this project, contact Catherine at 907-272-3141 or catherine@yukonsalmon.org



Katie Turner, Catherine Moncrieff and Millena Jordan at the 2024 TCC convention in Fairbanks for the Premier showing of Millena's 30-minute video on the Elders Warnings project



Elders Warning Project Report Wraps up

Catherine Moncrieff, YRDFA Archeologist

They Told us there'd come a time....Conserving Fish, Preserving Tradition. A catalog of Elders Warnings:

The Elders Warning project wrapped up at the end of March 2024. Through this project, YRDFA partnered with young adults from the Tanana Chiefs Conference Emerging Leaders program to learn from Yukon River Elders about warnings or knowledge about salmon. We documented local and traditional knowledge from Elders about their concerns related to salmon. Our team spent year one reviewing the previously documented recordings in the archives and year two interviewing fishers and Elders. Our team conducted 43 interviews with Elders and fishers and, if permission was given, are archived at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. In our final year, or Year 3 we created products that shared our results including brochures, posters, a report, short video clips and a 30-minute video. The videos were shared at various meetings and on social media. The posters were presented at three conferences in 2024 including the Alaska Marine Science Symposium, the Alaska Forum on the Environment, and the American Fisheries Society Alaska Chapter Annual Meeting. Our final report has been completed and mailed to all Alaskan Yukon River Tribal Councils and is posted on our website www.yukonsalmon.org. We thank the North Pacific Research Board for funding this project and all the participants for helping us learn from this project. For more information contact Catherine Moncrieff at 907-272-3141.

Read the Elders Warning Report 2024:

https://yukonsalmon.org/wp-content/uploads/2024EldersWarningReport_03.28.24.pdf



Andy Bassich from Eagle, Alaska giving his Keynote Speech via Zoom during the second day of the Yukon River Second Annual Virtual Symposium.

Yukon River Second Annual Virtual Symposium

Gabe Canfield, YRDFA Policy Coordinator

The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association held their second annual Yukon River Virtual symposium on March 14 and 15, 2024, funded by the Restoration and Management grant through the US Fish and Wildlife Service. We had turnout from all over Alaska and in many fields of work with over 30 participants and 20 presenters and

speakers. Presenters were from both Canada and the United States, spoke on Restoration and Management funded projects and other unique projects related to the Yukon River. Some specific topics included At the end of the run: Teslin Tlingit Council's restoration research efforts (Teslin Tlingit Council), and Life Cycle Models of climate change impacts on Yukon Salmon (BLM) amongst other projects within YRDFA and in partnership with other Alaskan and Canadian organizations. We had two Keynote presentations and a short film, and brought in both YRDFA projects and outside presenters to share on topics like Ichthyophonous, Canadian Restoration Hatcheries, Yukon River Salmon genetics, and more. Presentees came from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Yukon River Panel, the Teslin Tlingit Council, the Indigenous Sentinels Network, the Yukon River Salmon Subcommittee, and more advocates of Yukon River fisheries. We hope to make the virtual symposium an annual event.

Introducing our new Finance Manager, Jo Ryan

I have always enjoyed working with numbers and solving problems. I excel at creating efficiencies within the work environment and have spent my time improving myself and expanding my knowledge.

While in the US Navy, I held a top secret security clearance and studied cryptology (numbers and codes) under the Commander In Chief of the Pacific. I was awarded several commendations, was honorably discharged, and achieved a scholarship. I earned a Bachelors of Science Degree in Finance from the Pennsylvania State University and my Masters Degree in Business from Texas A&M University.

Integrity within an organization is of utmost importance to me. My career experience has included: private, not for profit, and large corporations. I left my last corporate job in the city because I wanted to work remotely out of my current small village of Trapper Creek, and that is how I was led to YRDFA.

I am originally from a small village and feel most comfortable outdoors, Alaska makes that easy. In addition to hunting and fishing, I enjoy traveling, meeting people and learning about other cultures and traditions. My goal is to leave a sprinkle of joy wherever I go.

I am a lifelong learner on an amazing journey and am grateful for my current opportunity to contribute to the success of the goals of the Yukon River Drainage Association as their Finance Manager.

Quyana,
Jo Ryan, YRDFA Finance Manager





YRDFA Holds Annual Meeting and Preseason Meeting in Anchorage April 30 to May 3rd, 2024 **Gabe Canfield**, YRDFA Policy Coordinator

The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association held its 34th Annual Meeting at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska on April 30th and May 1st and its Annual Preseason Meeting on May 2nd and 3rd, 2024. YRDFA's Board Members flew in from all areas of the Yukon River to discuss current events surrounding fisheries within our communities. At the meeting, YRDFA and board members spoke about many issues along the Yukon River over the past year, including the fisheries disaster declaration, chum and chinook bycatch, Area M fisheries, the Yukon River Salmon Agreement, and future actions YRDFA would like to take within our resolutions. Six resolutions were agreed upon and passed by our board. Public input and testimony was taken each day and we received insightful commentary from a number of community members within and outside the Yukon River. Representatives from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and a number of fisheries-related nonprofits joined in providing presentations that shared info on the past season of fisheries including closures. For next steps, on May 30, 2024, our board will meet to do elections and elect new youth representatives for the Yukon River.

YRDFA's Preseason meeting saw over 80 attendees in person and virtually from around the Yukon River Drainage and community members as well as organization and agency representatives. Presentations were given from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Indigenous Sentinels Network, commissioner Douglas Vincent Lang, the Kuskokwim River Intertribal Fish Commission, the Yukon River Intertribal Fish Commission, and dialogue from fishing districts across the Yukon River Drainage encouraged good conversation about the upcoming fishing season. We thank those who were able to attend and give presentations and encourage people to have active involvement and participation in the upcoming teleconferences hosted by YRDFA on Tuesdays at 1pm to stay updated on the progression of the season.

WEAP Update **Rachael Marie Kangas Madros**, YRDFA WEAP Program Manager

Currently we are still looking for an interested individual who would like full time seasonal employment. The position we have available is the Field technician. This position consists of 20 weeks of employment and will be required to work in remote locations. This includes travel and per diem. If you are interested please contact me at rachael@yukonsalmon.org. We require a cover letter and a complete resume. We currently have one position filled and looking for a second technician. Technicians will be working alongside YRDFA'S Environmental Specialist. We have our upcoming training set for June 4-8th 2024 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The WEAP Steering Committee held their 1st meeting on April 21, 2024 and we are currently working on setting a date in May for the next meeting. If you are a committee member we will be contacting you with our update and agenda. We have our Annual and Preseason meeting coming up quickly at the end of April. I look forward to seeing everyone in attendance and if you have any questions or needing more information on the Watershed Ecosystem Action Plan please feel free to stop by and talk to me.

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Y-1, Seat 3	Paul Andrews	Emmonak
Y-2, Seat 1	Bill Alstrom	St. Marys
Y-2, Seat 2	Mike Peters	Marshall
Y-2, Seat 3	Stanislaus Sheppard	Mtn. Village
Y-3, Seat. 1	Alfred Demientieff Jr.	Holy Cross
Y-4, Seat 1	Fred Huntington, Sr.	Galena
Y-4, Seat 2	Robert Walker	Anvik
Y-5, Seat 1	Charlie Wright	Tanana
Y-5, Seat 2	Brooke Woods	Rampart
Y-6, Seat 1	Dorothy Shockley	Manley Hot Springs
Y-6, Seat 2	Victor Lord	Nenana
Koyukuk River	Darrell Vent	Huslia
Flats, Seat 1	Jan Woodruff	Eagle
Canadian, Seat 1	VACANT	-

YOUNG FISHERS REPS

DISTRICT	NAME	COMMUNITY
Lower River	Kerri Kelly	Pilot Station
Upper River	Katlyn Zuray	Fairbanks (Tanana)

ALTERNATES

DISTR./SEAT #	REPRESENTATIVE	COMMUNITY
Coastal, Alt. 1	Richard Tuluk	Chevak
Coastal, Alt. 2	Clifford Kaganak Sr.	Scammon Bay
Y-1, Alt 1	Marvin Okitkun	Kotlik
Y-1, Alt. 2	VACANT	-
Y-2, Alt. 1	Rex Nick	Pilot Station
Y-2, Alt. 2	William Riley Jr.	Pitka's Point
Y-3, Alt. 1	Basil Larson	Russian Mission
Y-4, Alt. 1	Tommy Kriska	Nulato
Y-4, Alt. 2	VACANT	-
Y5, Alt. 1	VACANT	-
Y-6, Alt. 1	Phillip Titus	Minto
Y-6, Alt. 2	Kathleen Demientieff	Nenana
Koyukuk Alt.1	Darrel Vent Sr.	Huslia
Flats, Alt. 1	Rochelle Adams	Fort Yukon/Beaver
Canadian, Alt 1	VACANT	-

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Serena Fitka giving a keynote speech at the Alaska Marine Science Symposium January 29, 2024 in Anchorage, Alaska