

Tentative Agenda
Association of Village Council Presidents
Special Convention
Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center, Bethel, Alaska
March 6, 7, & 8, 2012



STATE OF OUR SALMON

The purpose of this Special Convention is to identify ways to help conserve our Chinook salmon. One of the major focuses will be developing ideas on how to incorporate Tribes in the management of salmon throughout their migratory route.

March 6, 2012 - Tuesday

- 8:00 AM Registration and Announcements**
- 8:15 Call to Order:** 2nd Chief Paul John
Moment of Silence in Honor of Traditional Chief Joe Lomack
Invocation
Roll Call/Establish Quorum
- 8:30 Approval of Agenda**
- 8:45 Welcome Address:** Raymond J. Watson, AVCP Board Chairman
- 9:00 Appointments**
- Sergeant- At-Arms: *VPSOs John Pleasant, Alvin Brown.*
 - Credentials Committee: *Johnny Evan, E-Board Member, Delegate*
 - Resolutions Committee: *Tim Andrew, Carol Brown, E-Board Member, Delegate*
 - Parliamentarian(s): *Carol Brown, AVCP Tribal Advocate*
- 9:15 AVCP President's Address** – Myron P. Naneng, Sr – Purpose of Convention, Goals
- 9:30 Historical Perspective on Chinook Declines** – Tim Andrew, AVCP, Director Natural Resources
- 9:45 Shared Experiences and Learning from Each Other –Yukon, Kuskokwim, and Bering Sea Coastal Perspectives,** Moderator – Tim Andrew
- Yukon Panel
- Yukon Coastal - Rubin Hill, Hooper Bay ***Confirmed**
 - Lower Yukon Y1 - Dora C. Moore, Emmonak Tribal Administrator ***Confirmed**
 - Lower Yukon Y2 – Nick Andrew Sr., Marshall Elder ***Confirmed**
 - Tanana Chiefs Conference Region Upper Yukon – Orville Huntington, Wildlife & Parks Director, TCC ***Confirmed**
 - Canadian Yukon - Betsy Jackson, Heritage Program Coordinator
Ta'an Kwach'an Council, Whitehorse ***Confirmed**
- Kuskokwim Panel
- Coastal Kuskokwim – Frank Fox, E-Board Member/Quinhagak ***Confirmed**
 - Lower River – James A. Charles, Working Group Member/Tuntutuliak Elder ***Confirmed**
 - Middle River – John Andrew, Kwethluk Subsistence Fisherman ***Confirmed**
 - Up River – George Morgan Jr., Kalskag Subsistence Fisherman ***Invited**
 - Up River – McGrath Subsistence Fisherman ***Invited**

11:25 Questions/Comment Period

12:00 Noon Break Lunch Provided

12:45 Agency Background on Salmon Science and Management on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers

- Introduction of Panel Members - John Linderman, AYK Regional Supervisor, ADF&G
- Yukon Area – Dr. Stephanie Schmidt, Yukon Area Research Biologist, ADF&G ***Confirmed**
- Kuskokwim Area – Chuck Brazil, Area Management Biologist, ADF&G ***Confirmed**
- Kuskokwim Area – Dan Gillikin, Fishery Biologist, USFWS, Yukon Delta NWR ***Confirmed**
- Historical Perspective on Yukon and Kuskokwim Chinook Subsistence Fishing - Dr. Hiroko Ikuta, Subsistence Resource Specialist, ADF&G ***Confirmed**

2:00 Questions/Comment Period

2:15 Panel: Federal and State Area Management Reports, Moderator – Tim Andrew

- ADF&G Yukon Management Report - Steve Hayes, Yukon River Summer Season Area Manager/Dr. Stephanie Schmidt, Yukon Area Research Biologist ***Confirmed**
- USFWS Yukon Management Report - Gerald Maschmann, Management Asst. ***Confirmed**
- ADF&G Kuskokwim Management Report - Chuck Brazil, Kuskokwim Area Management Biologist & Travis Ellison, Asst. Area Management Biologist ***Confirmed**
- USFWS Kuskokwim Management Report - Gene Peltola Jr., Refuge Manager, Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge ***Confirmed**

3:35 Questions/Comment Period

4:00 Panel: Bering Sea Offshore Fisheries Update, Moderator – Tim Andrew

- North Pacific Fisheries Management Council- Eric Olson, Chair ***Invited**
- Bycatch Update/Yukon Chinook Management Plan - Becca Robbins-Gisclair, Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association, Policy Director ***Confirmed**
- Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association Update - Ragnar Alstrom, Executive Director ***Confirmed**
- Coastal Villages Region Fund Update - Morgan Crow, Executive Director ***Confirmed**

5:00 Questions/Comment Period

5:30 Recess

6:00 Potluck to follow at the Cultural Center in Honor of Traditional Chief Joe Lomack

March 7, 2012 - Wednesday

8:00 AM Reconvene and Announcements, Myron P. Naneng, Sr.

8:10 AM Science Panel – Research and Information about the Yukon and Kuskokwim Chinook Stocks, Moderator – Karen Gillis

- General Overview of AYK Sustainable Salmon Initiative Research- Karen Gillis, Bering Sea Fisherman’s Association, Executive Director ***Confirmed**
- Summary work of AYK SSI Chinook Salmon Expert Panel - Dr. Joseph J. Spaeder, Research Coordinator, AYK SSI ***Confirmed**

- "Juvenile Yukon Chinook in the Ocean: Developing a leading indicator of productivity" -Jim Murphy, Alaska Fisheries Science Center's Auke Bay Lab, NOAA. ***Confirmed**
- "Ecology and distribution of AYK Chinook Salmon in the High Seas" - Dr. Kate Myers, UW-School of Aquatic & Fisheries Science (Ret.) ***Confirmed**

9:15 Questions/Comment Period

10:00 Panel: Meaningful Tribal Involvement in Salmon Management – Policy Issues, Possibilities and Models for Change -Moderator - Carol Brown

- Commissioner Cora Campbell, Alaska Department of Fish and Game ***Invited**
- Geoffrey L. Haskett, Alaska Regional Director, USFWS, Federal Subsistence Board ***Invited**
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission ***Invited**
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission ***Invited**
- Sky Starkey, Alaska Tribal and Natural Resource Attorney, – Pathways and Possibilities ***Confirmed**

11:15 Questions/Comment Period

12:00 Noon Break Lunch Provided

12:45 Break out session: Yukon and Kuskokwim River Salmon Discussions in separate rooms

- Yukon River salmon management discussions and action planning – **With Facilitator**
- Kuskokwim River salmon management discussions and action planning – Facilitator -Ana Hoffman, President and CEO Bethel Native Corporation

4:00 Break

4:15 Reconvene

4:30 Presentations from Breakout sessions, including draft resolutions and recommendations

5:00 Recess

6:00 Reception to follow at the Cultural Center sponsored by BSFA/AYK SSI – Scientists and other speakers available

March 8, 2012 - Thursday

8:00 Reconvene and Announcements, Myron P. Naneng, Sr.

8:15 Review, Refining, and Adoption of Action Plan Resolutions –With Moderator

- Yukon River action plan resolution
- Kuskokwim River action plan resolution

11:30 Closing Statement - Myron P. Naneng, Sr.

11:45 Benediction -2nd Traditional Chief Paul John

12:00 Noon ADJOURN