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AVCP Yukon Fisheries Survey for those Impacted by the Fish Disaster

With the unprecedented Yukon River salmon season experienced this year, AVCP has formulated a strategy that describes various components of the situation. It details steps we've taken and what we plan on engaging in to try and address short-term and long-term objectives related to the Yukon River salmon fisheries. One critical component of the strategy is to document how this fishing season has affected our Tribes and the fishing families who rely on the Yukon River for their salmon. We know how important salmon are to the people in the region and we need to know how the communities have been affected.

One way to get immediate feedback is through a survey that asks basic questions – were you able to meet your needs and if not, how do you plan to supplement with other resources. The survey we've developed will help us identify how the 2021 fishing season affected people in a general sense. We have plans to engage with the region and communities later this fall and winter for more in-depth sharing and feedback.

For this survey, we are asking for community members and individuals who live along the Yukon River – from the Coastal District to Russian Mission – to please take a few minutes and complete. We've included an open-ended question at the end for you to provide any additional comments about the 2021 season. And please remember, we will be developing additional opportunities for people to provide more feedback and experiences.

To access the survey, please visit AVCP's website at www.avcp.org. The survey can be found on our homepage, labeled "*Click Here for the Yukon Fisheries Survey for those impacted by the Fish Disaster*".

For more information or any questions regarding the survey, please contact AVCP Communications Director, Gage Hoffman at 907-543-7308 or email at ghoffman@avcp.org

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AVCP is a regional nonprofit tribal consortium comprised of the 56 federally recognized tribes of the YK Delta. The geographic boundaries of AVCP extend from the Yukon River Village of Russian Mission downstream to the Bering Sea coast, north up through Kotlik and south along the coastline to Platinum and then extending up the Kuskokwim River to Stony River, including Lime Village on the Stony River tributary. The area encompasses approximately 6.5 million acres, or 55,000 square miles, in Western Alaska.