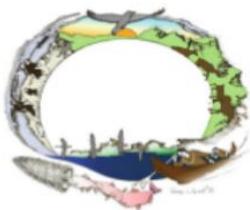




# Salmon Summit

Tribal Priorities and Concerns  
Shared from Participant  
Brainstorming Session

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Tanana  
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# Tribal Priorities:

## **Community and Education:**

- **Feed Our People!**
- Return of the salmon, tribes **need** fish!
- Unification of tribes
- Increase community involvement in practices, projects, and governance
- Fish camps need to be hosted with or without fish to develop familial, cultural, and traditional bonds, while passing education through the generations
- Increase involvement of Elders
- Listen to Elders
- Increase youth involvement in all practices
- Have community and council meetings to involve people and share knowledge
- Host a salmon summit at least x2 per year
- Have community meeting to involve more people in discussions
- Culture camps to provide for families who do not have the means or knowledge to catch and prepare fish
- Educate youth on language, culture, and value system
- Sharing of fish counting knowledge with tribal members, spread information
- Have more members get involved with organizations like TCC
- Gain more workers for TCC
- Educate youth about tribal governance, fisheries, and wildlife. Establish it as part of the curriculum
- Share stories and knowledge throughout generations
- Have a presentation by a biologist on the life cycle of fish

## **Fish and Salmon Practices:**

- Stop selling and dispersal of salmon eggs
- Ability to catch natural fish, not substitutes from other places or replacements from fisheries
- Get a harvest sampling from the 2<sup>nd</sup> pulse of chum salmon in the Upper Koyukuk + Yukon region
- Full smoke houses within 5 years
- Need river sonar
- Implement a fishing cap in the North Pacific, if villages have a cap so should commercial fisheries
- Stop salmon test nets and salmon tagging
- Reinstatement of the Chum bycatch cap
- Data on number of fish consumed by interior tribes

- Invest in pollock fisheries
- 1-to-2-hour openings for fishing in Rampart
- Develop more accurate sonar with a deeper reach
- Need to manage and steward eco systems, not just species
- Address the fact that anyone can get a permit for fishing

### **Tribal Self Governance and Initiatives:**

- Attain equitable fishing for all users
- Advocate for bill 123 and push for approval
- Create our own regulations for fishing and hunting aligning with subsistence priorities, currently we cannot manage our own allotments
- Reinstate trade routes and agreements
- Attain self-governance as western/colonial cultures are too removed from nature, develop our own dept of fish and game, dept of fisheries, dept of ag, etc... At minimum more co-management with agencies
- Create a corporate food sharing initiative
- Develop a tribal bycatch taskforce run by tribal members
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### **Federal and State Management:**

- More effective state and federal management overall
- More co-management with agencies
- Equity under federal and state laws
- Legislative changes to prioritize subsistence fishing and equitable harvest
- Make subsistence its own program, not under commercial fishing overhead
- Change mindset that subsistence living is done because tribes are poor to a mindset that this is a way of life chosen because of its importance
- Need to strengthen/reinforce the AC's with tribal knowledge
- Meet with the Marine Mammal Commission and speak to them about their co-management relationships
- Prioritize working with the Federal Government on co-management, and eventually have the projects turned over to tribal management
  - No state management!
- Have a tribal led summer fish meeting with the Federal and State Governance
- Speak with Representative Cronk about priorities
- Tribal self-governance over all fish and game, no state or federal involvement
- Need to focus on the fact that Federal and State Government took the land from our people, it is time to get back our land

- State is focused on maintaining their 1-billion-dollar budget and not on actual management, needs to be refocused on conservation and subsistence
- Write to CDQ's to affect legislature
- Gain control of state fishery hatchery farms
- Deny state involvement in spring meeting, they use voices against the villages
- Partner with organizations to see management of hatchery fish
- Stop state set net testing
- Elevate subsistence importance in state and federal structure

## **Funding:**

- Emergency resolution for Tanana Chiefs Conference to receive funding for the task force
- Have tribes donate money from the wildlife and parks funding to TCC taskforce
- Create a travel fund to fund travel for people unable to afford to go to meetings due to costs
- Create a consortium and pool resource to purchase land going to auction
- Develop a food security fund
- Develop funding and training for genetic salmon sampling
- Stop competing for funding from the commission and attain permanent funding without yearly requests
- Commissions get BIA funding for pilot programs, switch from pilot to developed programs

# Map of Federal Lands and Fishing Districts

