

**INVITE THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION**

WHEREAS, The following are Federally recognized by the U.S. Government and maintain government to government relationships: Allakaket Traditional Council, Louden Tribal Council, Huslia Tribal Council, Kaltag Traditional Council, Koyukuk Traditional Council, Nulato Tribal Council, and Ruby Tribal Council and

WHEREAS, The Yukon River is facing a devastating salmon disaster, severely impacting the lives and livelihoods of Tribal communities along its banks; and

WHEREAS, Salmon is integral to the culture, traditions and way of life of the Yukon River Tribes, serving as a foundation of our identity and spiritual practices; and

WHEREAS, the inability to fish each summer has severely impacted our cultural practices, subsistence ways of life, food sovereignty, mental wellness and physical health, threatening the intergenerational transfer of traditional knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, Ocean and in-river commercial and subsistence fishing activities have a significant impact on the number of chum, coho, and chinook salmon due to the mixing of salmon stocks within these fisheries. Small stocks of several hundred fish or less are more likely to be overharvested than are larger stocks, and.

WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is responsible for critical management decisions in the ocean, where Yukon salmon spend the majority of their lives directly impacting the habitat, health and abundance of salmon populations; and

WHEREAS, Tribes advocate for an ecosystem-based approach to salmon management that considers the entire lifecycle and entire habitat, including the ocean, that influence health and abundance of salmon populations; and

WHEREAS, the demand placed on Yukon River chinook and fall chum salmon exceeds the capacity of stocks to satisfy all user groups. Consequently, several stocks are depressed, and fishery managers must strive to rebuild these stocks through more precise harvest management controls.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Yukon-Koyukuk Subregional Advisory Board invites the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to engage in an in-person government-to-government consultation with the tribes of the Yukon-Koyukuk Subregion in the community of Galena during the summer of 2025, providing an opportunity for Council members to witness firsthand the river ecosystem, the remaining salmon run, and engage in cooperative management strategy discussions to reverse the depressed salmon stock returns on the Yukon River.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Yukon Koyukuk Subregional Advisory Board on March, 6, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.



1st Chief Charlie Green



1st Chief Derek Starr



1st Chief Percy Lolnitz



1st Chief Stewart Cleaver



1st Chief PJ Simon



1st Chief Calvin McGinty



1st Chief Gloria Patsy