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### **Resolution No. 16-08**

#### **A Resolution to the Federal Subsistence Board Regarding FSA16-01.**

**WHEREAS**, the Napaimute Traditional Council is the federally recognized tribal governing body for The Native Village of Napaimute, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Napaimute Traditional Council represents the interests of the tribal members of The Native Village of Napaimute, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Napaimute Traditional Council believes that despite many years of sacrifice by folks up and down the Kuskokwim River to rebuild our Chinook salmon run it is clear that again fishermen will have to be restricted in order to conserve this precious resource, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Napaimute Traditional Council recognizes this year's Chinook salmon forecasted run size is greater than we have seen in many years, resulting in harvest opportunity that should be better than last year by possibly twice as much, if the run come in as expected, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Napaimute Traditional Council feels that the Federal Permit system implemented over the last two years does not provide for reasonable Chinook salmon harvest opportunity for Federally qualified subsistence users outside the boundaries of the Federal Conservation Unit, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Napaimute Traditional Council believes that co-management (Federal, State, and the Inter Tribal Fisheries Commission) has the highest likelihood of achieving the necessary conservation goals while minimizing the hardships to fishermen by simplifying the management, regulations, and providing for equal harvest opportunity, and;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Napaimute Traditional Council **supports** the request identified in FSA16-01 to limit the salmon fishery to only Federally qualified subsistence users, and;

**FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Napaimute Traditional Council **opposes** the request identified in FSA16-01 to further limit the pool of users based on the section 804 analysis, and the implementation of an allocation strategy i.e., implementation of a permit system, and;


**FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Napaimute Traditional Council knowing that management actions to conserve Chinook salmon will be necessary in 2016, and the expressed desire by many fishermen, various advisory groups and fisheries managers is to; co-manage the fishery, simplify regulations, and provide equitable harvest opportunity we suggest the following general guidelines for consideration by Fisheries Managers and Stakeholders in 2016:

1. Beginning in May, limit the salmon fishery to only Federally Qualified Subsistence Users.
2. For the Kuskokwim River and its tributaries, close the salmon fishery beginning May 20<sup>th</sup> downstream of the Holitna River, and June 1<sup>st</sup> upstream of the Holitna.
3. In conjunction with the salmon closure: all gill nets (including 4" set nets) will not be allowed in the main stem Kuskokwim River, or any of its salmon tributary until the salmon fishery reopens.
4. Reopen the Chinook salmon fishery no sooner than June 12<sup>th</sup>.
5. Salmon spawning tributaries will remain closed after June 12<sup>th</sup>.
6. Manage harvest opportunity using only; time, area, and gear restrictions through the ADF&G emergency order authorities that are consistent with FWS authorities for the entire river.
7. Provide unrestricted harvest opportunity after June 12<sup>th</sup> on the main stem Kuskokwim River that allows for the live release of Chinook salmon, i.e., fishwheel, dip nets, beach seines, rod & reel.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This resolution was adopted at a meeting in which a quorum of the Native Village of Napaimute Traditional Council was present. Passed and approved on the 5th day of May 2016 with a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstain.

 5/5/2016  
Devron Hellings, President Date

 5.5.16  
Shelly P. Leafy, Secretary Date