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3 boat loads of supplies for Spirit Camp & Timber Harvest Site being transported from Bethel

Director's Report – June 2017

“Busy Times”

Summary:

Between Fish, Fish Meetings, Fisheries Projects, funerals, Timber Harvest & Sawmill Reassembly, Spirit Camp Preparations, setting up an office in Aniak, and doing regular maintenance projects in Napaimute all of us have been busy.



Foremost on everybody's mind along the River has been the weak Kuskokwim King Salmon run. It possibly may be the lowest on record. There have been many meetings to weigh the need for conservation versus the strong social/cultural pressure to allow People to fish for their food.

We are also once again under a dual management system for subsistence fishing on the Kuskokwim. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service advised by the Kuskokwim Inter Tribal Fish Commission manages the River from Aniak to the mouth of the River. Above Aniak to the headwaters the State Department of Fish and Game advised by the

Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group manages fishing. I have participated in all of the State meetings and one of the Federal-Tribal meetings while I was in Bethel.

To date both Management groups have worked hard to conserve the King Salmon while at the same time allowing for very limited but equal fishing opportunity all along the River.

We have had two fishing openings in June – one on the 12th and another on the 24th. It's been a sad season.



State Fish Meeting in Bethel attended by ADF&G Commissioner and his Senior Staff. People from the entire length of the River attend either in person or by teleconference

Timber:

After a slow start due to breakdowns and having the wrong parts shipped the timber harvest and firewood processing are rolling now and day by day we are getting caught up. The crew is taking extra precautions to help the wood dry better before the winter season.

Stiffa Kameroff – one of the guys that went to training in Washington last November has been doing well and is now an official harvester operator along with the corresponding raise in pay.

Lisa will report on the sawmill reassembly. Both of us have been traveling to site weekly - her more than I due time off for funeral and then being down in Bethel last week.



A harvester operator is born – Stiffa Kameroff our main operator



TKC Representatives Megan Leary and Rachel Perrson vist the harvest site

Aniak Office:



The NVN Aniak Branch Office: Lisa & Dan put a lot of work into setting it up. The office has become quite an asset and is seeing a lot of use. After years of working alone in an office I could even see myself working there with a real live staff!

Other:



Jacob Wise picks up the new NVN boat in Bethel and spends a day breaking it in before driving it to Napaimute



Lease with AVCP for wood yard is finalized and we move onto the lot

That's the report for this month.

Thank you