

"OUR RIVER, OUR PEOPLE, OUR FISH"

THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION AS A
MODEL FOR INDIGENOUS SALMON STEWARDSHIP & MANAGEMENT



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INTRODUCTIONS

Working from the lands & waters of the Yup'ik, Cupik, Dené, & Dena'ina People and
Presenting on the lands of the x^wməθk^wəýəm (Musqueam), Sk̄wx̄wú7mesh (Squamish), & səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations

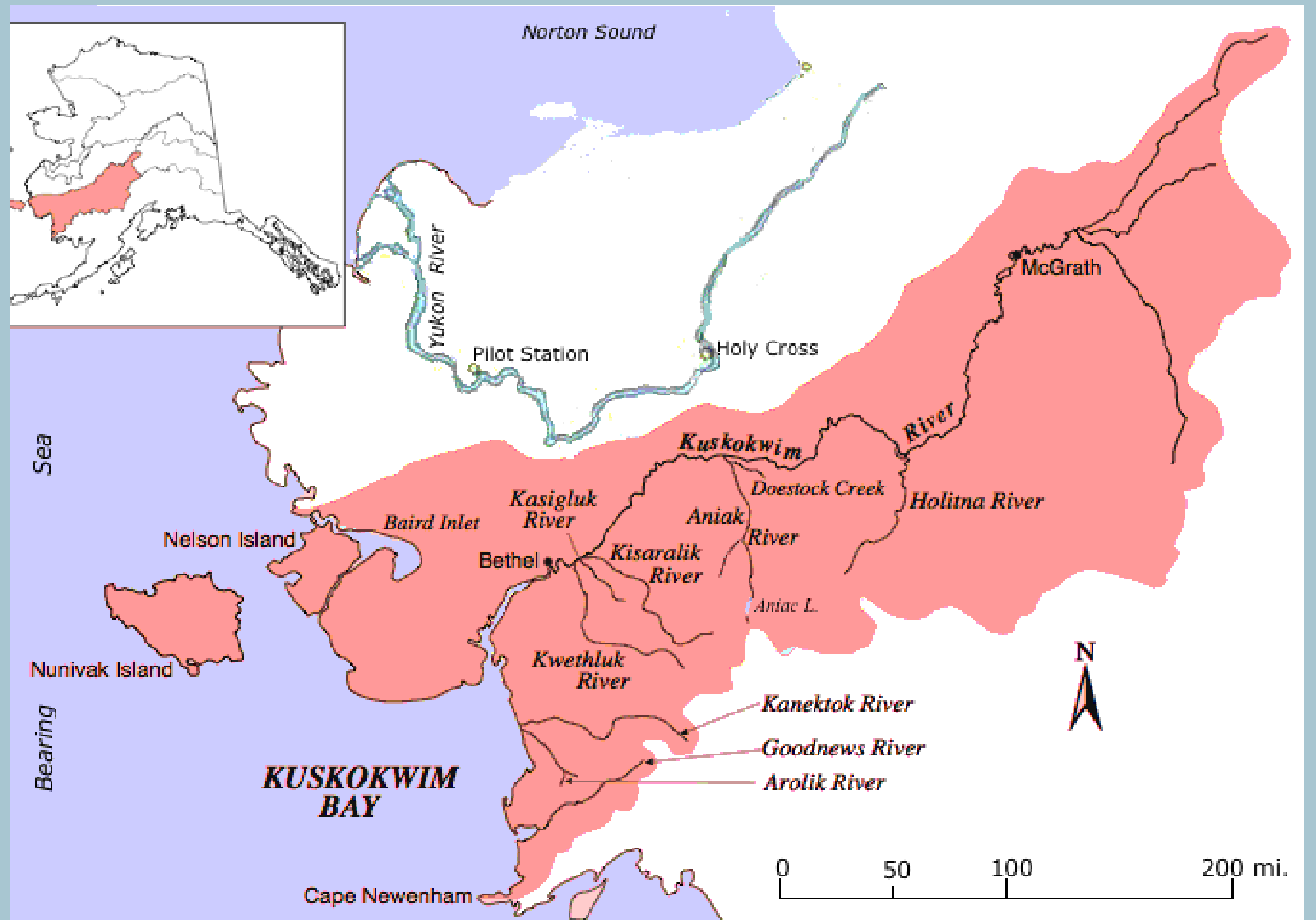


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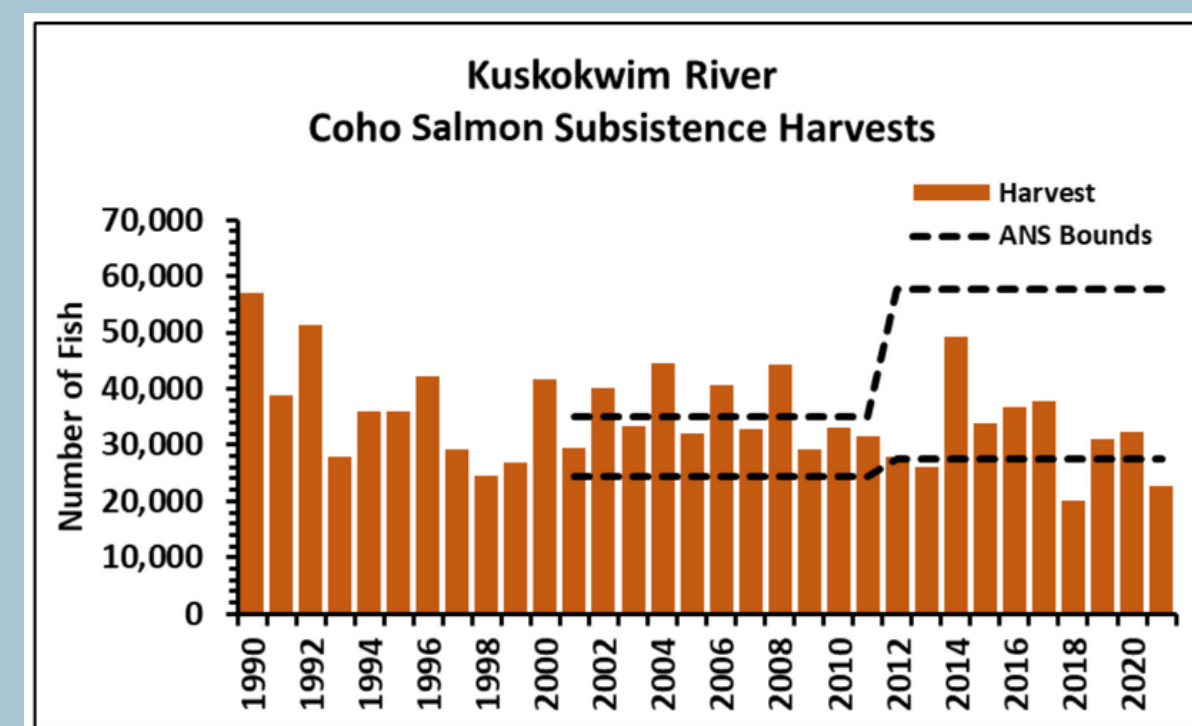
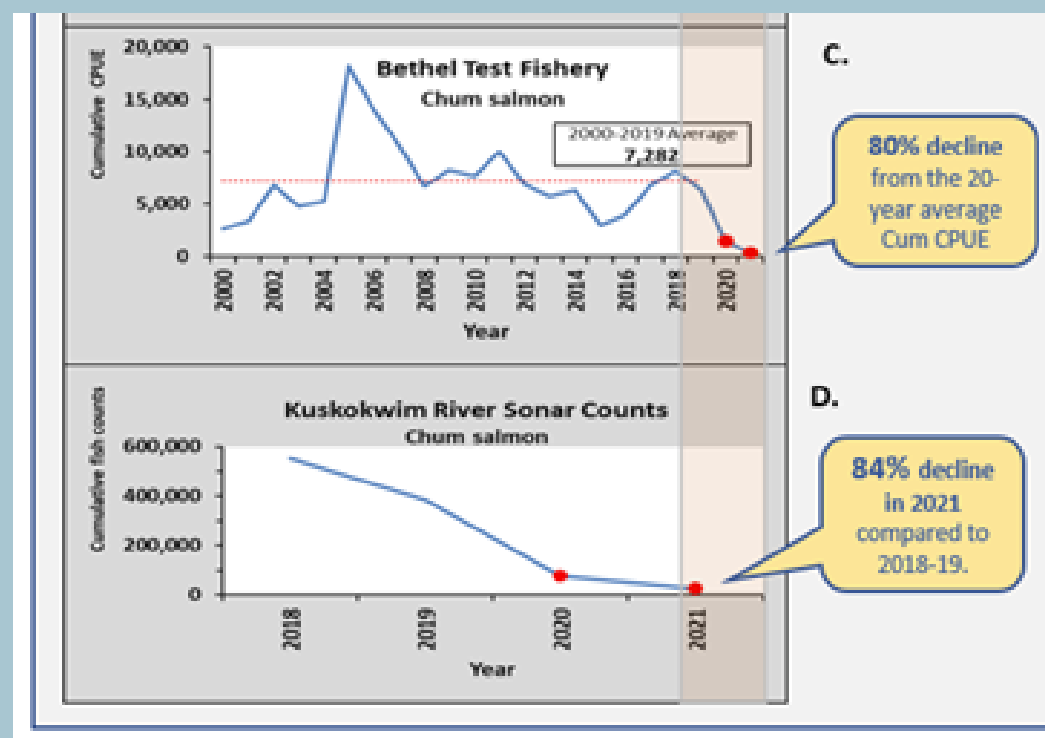
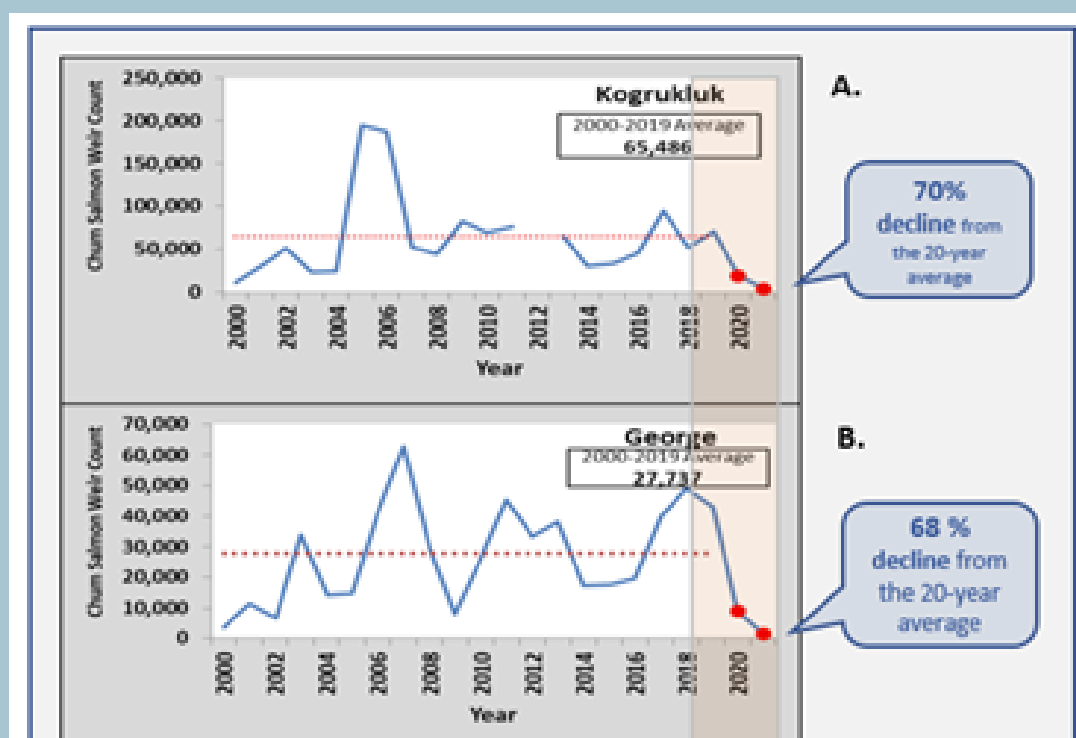
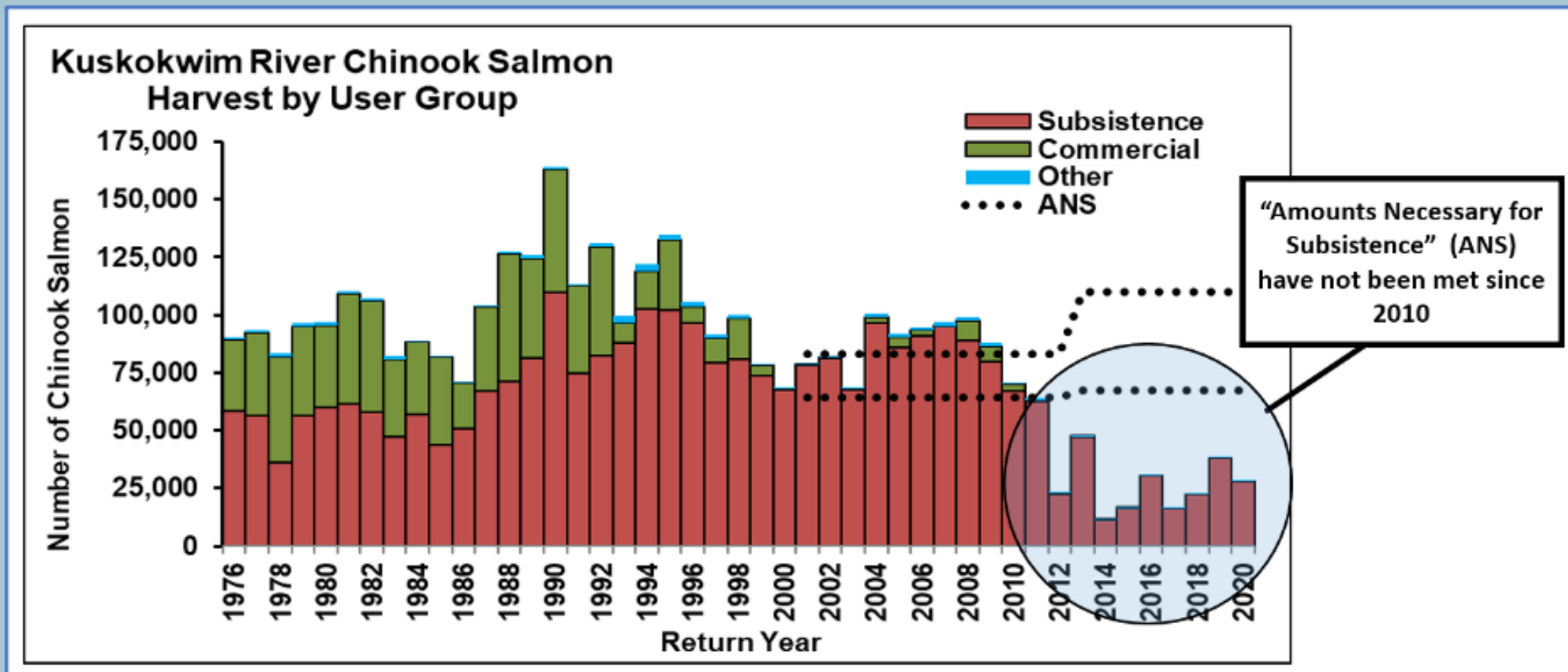
OUR PLACE

Kuskokwim River,
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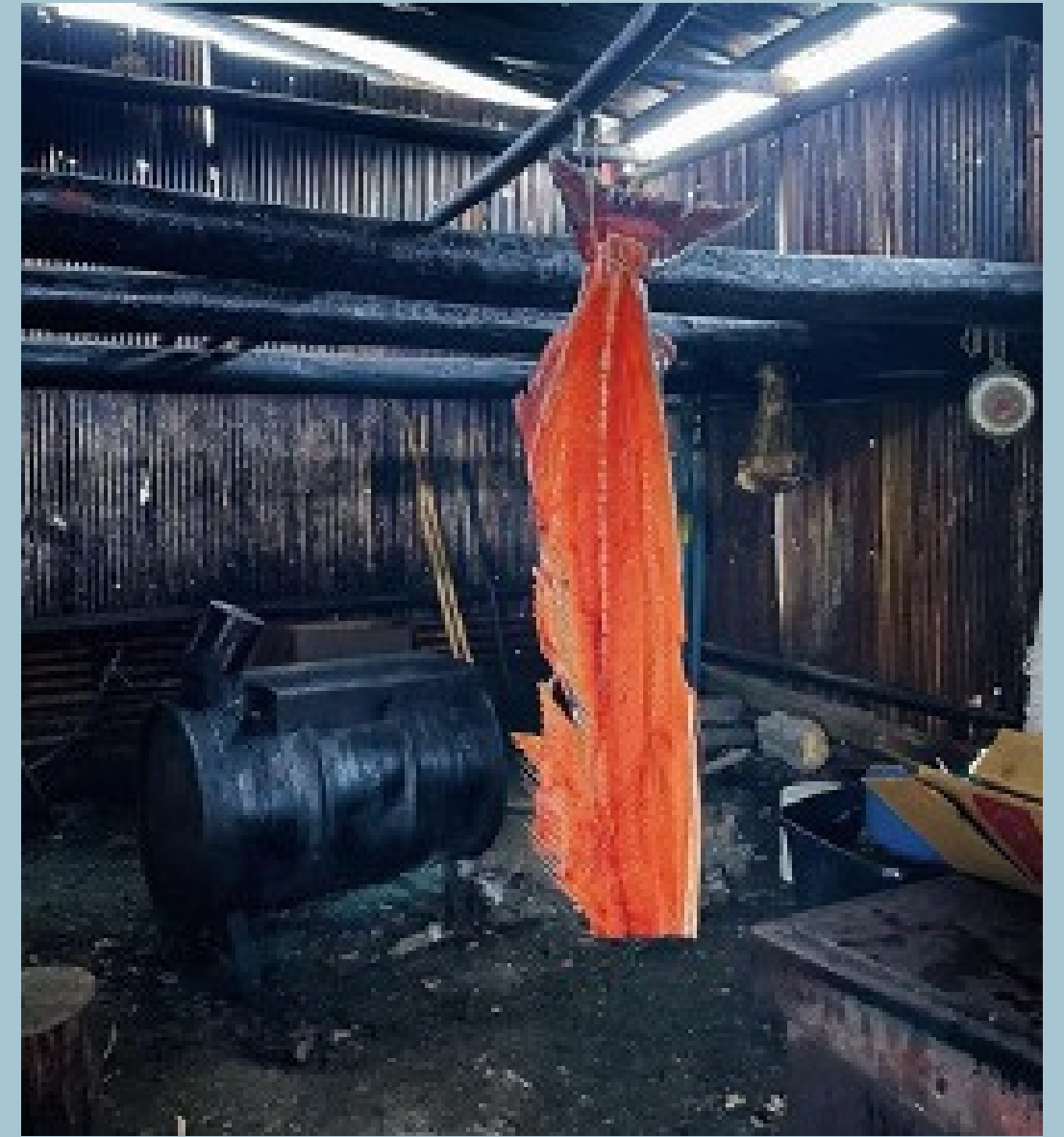
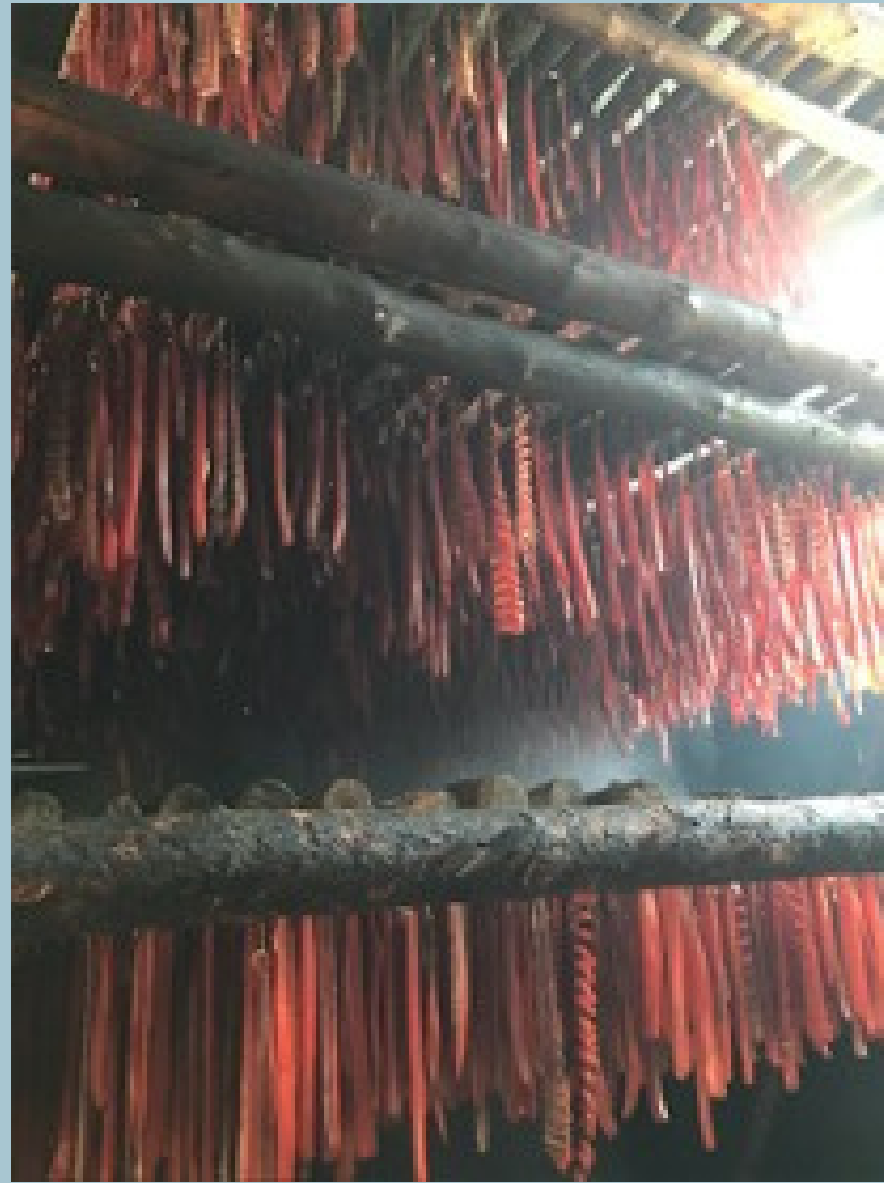


OUR WHY

A need for local management during salmon declines



OUR WHY



Protecting & practicing our subsistence ways of life



OUR PEOPLE



OUR GOVERNANCE



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33 TRIBES

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RIVER-WIDE REPRESENTATION



OUR COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT



Collaborative management with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service–Yukon Delta NWR

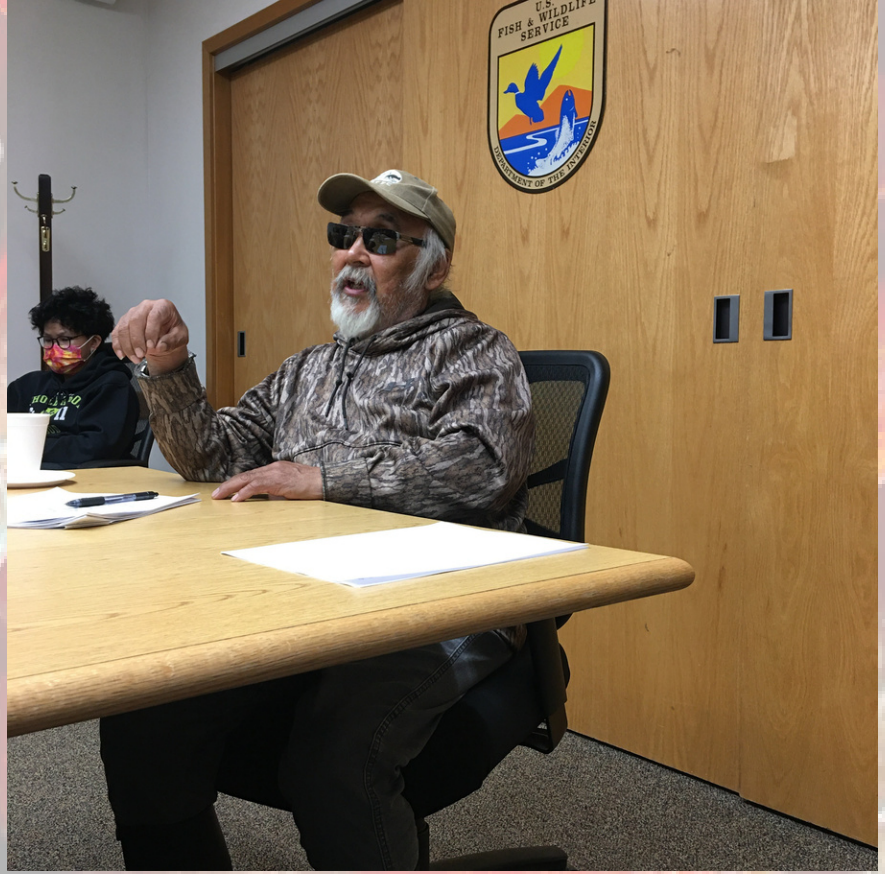
Chair Mike Williams Sr. (right) and Ray Born sign the 2016 MOU



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With the Fish Commission, there are local people helping make decisions and managing their resources. That's the way it should be, because this river is our lifeline.

MEGAN LEARY (NATIVE VILLAGE OF NAPAIMUTE), IN-SEASON MANAGER

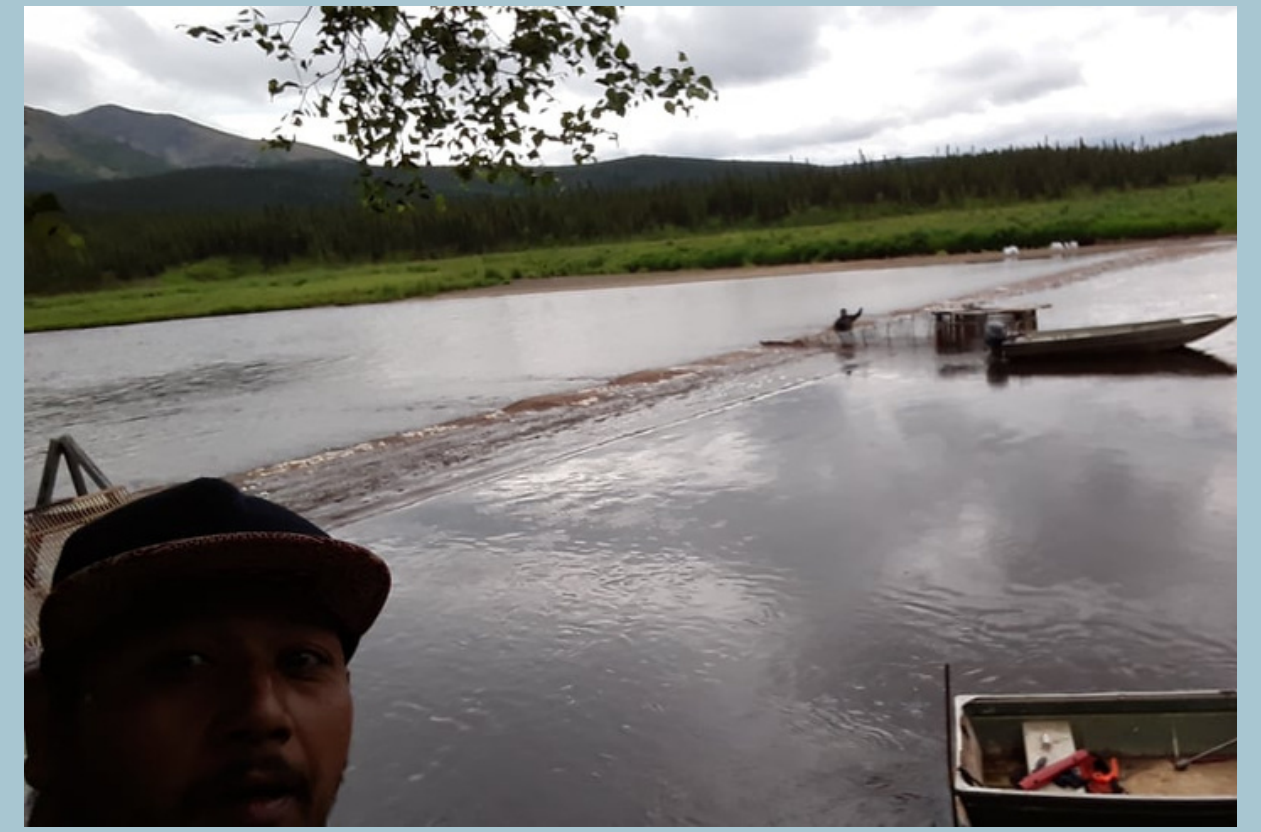


OUR TRIBES' INVOLVEMENT

IN SALMON MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING



Community-Based Harvest
Monitoring program



Takotna River Weir



OUR FUTURE

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We can't give up. We've got to work together, remember where we came from; to help each other and help our people to work together.

JAMES NICORI (ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF KWETHLUK), ELDER ADVISOR

QUYANA – TSEN'AHN – THANK YOU