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WHO IS THE AYK SSI

~SIGNATORIES to the Memorandum of Understanding~

• Alaska Department of Fish and Game
• Association of Village Council Presidents
• Tanana Chiefs Conference
• Kawerak Incorporated
• Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association
• U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
• NOAA Fisheries
AYK SSI Committee Members 2006

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FOUNDATION OF THE AYK SSI

VISION: By 2012 we will have expanded knowledge to assure sustainable uses of wild salmon for future generations (2004)

• We will develop a self-sustaining, coordinated research effort that continues into the future;

• We will have completed a capacity building program that enables rural residents of the AYK region to effectively participate in co-management of the AYK salmon resource; and

• We will assure broad understanding, acceptance, and commitment to implement our research plan.
- AYK SSI Matching Funding Commitment to ANSEP- MAY ’06
- Support from Comm. ADFG
- Matching funds from NSF- SEPT ‘06
- Why support ANSEP as a flagship Capacity building program?
Symposium on the Sustainability of the Arctic–Yukon-Kuskokwim Salmon Fisheries

February 6–9, 2007
Anchorage, Alaska
**SYMPOSIUM GOAL:** To communicate what is known, and needs to be known, about:

- Ecological processes that cause change in salmon populations,
- The effects of varying salmon runs on rural communities, and
- The management of salmon fisheries in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) region.

**SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZATION:** Four Thematic Sessions:

- Assess the State of the Fish Stocks and Analyze the Causes of Variation –
- Socioeconomic Dimensions: Culture Change and Local Knowledge Systems
- Fishery Management Strategies: Lessons from Local, Regional, and International Experiences
- Synthesis and Integration of Symposium Topics and Research Planning
BUILDING LOCAL CAPACITY IN FISHERIES RESEARCH

• Capacity Building for Rural/Tribal Organizations: Lessons from the Columbia River Basin
  – Presenter: Phil Roger, Fishery Science Department Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

• Developing Local Fisheries Research Capacity in the Skeena River Watershed, British Columbia
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