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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 09-21-2023 – #53

RE: 2023 Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Porcupine River chum Salmon Fishery

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 24, 2023, Council passed resolution 08-24-2023-#47 which closed the Porcupine River and its tributaries within the VGFN Traditional Territory to all gill net fishing from September 1, 2023 at 12:01AM to September 23, 2023 at 11:59 PM.
- B. There are currently no measures in place to regulate the 2023 VGFN Porcupine River chum salmon fishery beyond September 23, 2023 at 11:59PM.
- C. Council has carefully considered the potential risks, costs and benefits of establishing VGFN measures to regulate the 2023 VGFN Porcupine River chum salmon fishery, including past VGFN practices.

THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION RESOLVES THAT:

1. No VGFN Citizen shall harvest chum salmon in the Porcupine River watershed.
2. Per Council Resolution 08-24-2023-#47, the Porcupine River and its tributaries within the VGFN Traditional Territory are closed to all gill net fishing until September 23, 2023 at 11:59PM.
3. As of September 24, 2023 at 12:00AM, VGFN Citizens may only fish for non-salmon species using selective gear types such as angling or 4-inch mesh or smaller gillnets, 60 feet or shorter in length. Nets should be set in areas unlikely to intercept migrating salmon, and nets should be regularly monitored by fishers.
4. Any chum salmon incidentally caught in the Porcupine River watershed by a VGFN Citizen must be released immediately, or, if already dead and unable to be revived then released, reported as bycatch to the VGG NR Department and distributed among the community.
5. The NR Department will bring forward any recommended changes to the measures, based on in-season information, for immediate consideration by Council.

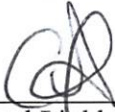
THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on September 21, 2023 at Old Crow, Yukon.

(absent)

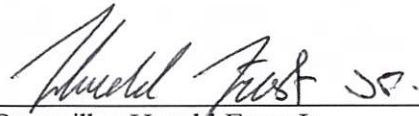


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