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Oral History Gift and Release Form for Northway Residents

Linking Western and Traditional Ways of Knowing Regarding Whitefish in the Upper Tanana Region

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
University of Alaska-Fairbanks
Northway Village Council

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE THIS CONSENT FORM READ TO YOU IN YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO DO SO.

Please read and explain this to me in _____ Please initial _____
Please read and explain this to me in English Please initial _____

The purpose of this study is to document Northway resident's experiences and knowledge about whitefish. We would like to use tape-recorded interviews to document traditional subsistence and land use. We would also like to spend time with recommended elders and fishing families. The results of this study will be used for a Master's Thesis. This thesis will explore how traditional and Western ways of knowing can work together. Your taped interviews and transcripts will be preserved. This will allow future generations in Northway and beyond to use and learn from them.

All recordings and transcripts from tape recorded interviews will become part of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Rasmussen Library Oral History Archives. The Oral History Archives will preserve your recordings. They will also make them available to the public. Copies of your interviews will also be sent to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Northway Village Council. A copy of your tape and transcript will be also be sent to you.

Your participation in this two-year study is voluntary. You can stop any time without any penalty. As a participant you will be asked to complete three to four interviews. Each interview will last less than two hours. The researcher will also spend ten or more days with you and your family at fish camp or while fishing.

The benefits of the study to you are the chance to teach younger generations about traditional fishing methods or to learn from elders. You will also be able to share knowledge with a different culture and to help find ways to share information. You may also learn something about whitefish from biologists. This may help you conserve whitefish or help you catch more of them. Risks to you might be discomfort from talking about the past. Interviews can also be tiring and you may need to take breaks.

You will be given the chance to edit the transcript. This will occur before your recorded stories can be published or used for research. Pictures, recordings, and written transcripts may be used in US Fish and Wildlife Service. This can include publications, displays, and on the Internet where it can be downloaded. You also agree not to hold the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, FWS, or Northway Council legally responsible for how it makes the recordings available and how it preserves them.

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Contact Information:

If you have any questions now please ask us. If there are ever any questions or concerns in the future please contact the researcher (Melissa Robinson) or her advisor (Terry Chapin).

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Minor Assent:

We're trying to learn as much as we can about whitefish. In the next two years we'd like to talk with fishing families in Northway including yours. We'd like to hear what you know about where whitefish go, what they taste like, and what's the best way to eat them. To do this we would like to interview you and your family. We'd also like to spend time with you at fish camp and while fishing. Your stories and memories will be tape recorded. Those tapes will be saved so others can listen to what you have said. Other people's stories about whitefish will also be taped and saved. You'll be able to listen to those tapes and hear your elder's stories about whitefish.

Your help in talking to us is part of a university student's project. We might talk to you and record your stories three or four times. We'll talk for about an hour each time. Remember, talking with us is totally voluntary. You can stop at any time. If you understand this please sign below. Your parent's or guardian's signatures are also needed below.

