

Traditional Knowledge and Fishing Practices of the Ahtna of the Copper River, Alaska

Abstract: For over 1,000 years the Ahtna Athabascan people have fished for salmon in the Copper River and its tributaries. During that time they have gained a considerable knowledge of salmon. This report provides an overview of that knowledge including information on the Ahtna taxonomy of salmon and other fish, salmon life history, factors influencing the movement of salmon, harvesting devices and the preparation of fish, the traditional management system, and legends and stories about salmon.

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