

Fish meet in Tanana prompts civil disobedience

State Rep. Irene Nicholia (D-Tanana) helps clean chum salmon caught during a closure of the fall chum subsistence fishery earlier this month. The protest fishery was held in concurrence with a meeting in Tanana between Yukon River village representatives and state offficials. The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game continued its closure of the chum fishery, citing a dramatic shortfall in spawning escapement goals. A subsistence fishery for silver salmon was expected to begin this week. Subsequent to the Tanana meeting, several villages accepted an offer from Gov. Hickel to sirlift chums from other areas not affected by low runs. See editorial comment, page 2. (Photo by Tom Thompson/TCC Council).