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The Kuskokwim Standard for Open Water Marking: Willows with BLUE Reflectors

12.17.17 BSAR River Report:*

“We need a lot of blue this year!”

Summary:

BSAR began open water marking in the immediate Bethel area this weekend. A hard working crew spent their Sunday afternoon marking the two closest known open holes – the one near the Bethel Bluffs and the one just above the Gweek Island.

With no cold weather in sight before the holidays we understand that there is much more work that needs to be done upstream of Bethel. Over the next week BSAR will be reaching out to our neighboring villages to provide personnel and support for additional open water marking.



THESE TWO OPEN HOLES HAVE BEEN MARKED BY BSAR WITH WILLOWS & BLUE REFLECTORS

Taking Care of Our Neighborhood: The two nearest known open holes to Bethel have been marked by BSAR



OPEN HOLES IN KUSKOKUAK SLOUGH

THESE HOLES ARE NOT MARKED

KWETHLUK

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Imagery Date: 8/26/2012 60°49'16.14" N 161°25'00.98" W elev

There are at least 8 unmarked open holes in Kuskokuak Slough below and above Kwethluk. One is a mile long.



L-R: Perry Barr & Jeff Evon spending their Sunday afternoon working to keep winter travelers safe on the Kuskokwim



Working Together So Others May Live: a well-marked open hole above Bethel

Closing:

Our winter work has started. There is a lot to do – especially in the Kwethluk area. Many Bethel residents like to use Kuskokuak Slough to access hunting, trapping, and wood gathering areas. If you would like to help please contact BSAR. ***Until we get this area taken care of no travel through Kuskokuak Slough is recommended.***

That's the report.

Thank you and Happy Holidays from BSAR.

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