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**2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 9
Subdistrict 4-A and Koyukuk River Subsistence Fishing Schedule**
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Recent data from the Lower Yukon Test Fishery and Pilot Station Sonar indicate that the first pulse of Chinook salmon, which is typically bound for spawning grounds in Canada, is in the lower river. The 2017 management strategy calls for these fish to be protected as they travel upriver. Therefore based on migration timing of the first pulse, subsistence salmon fishing with gillnets will close in Subdistrict 4-A, and will re-open to target summer chum salmon with selective gear (dip nets, beach seines, and live-release fish wheels).

Subdistrict 4-A Lower:

Subsistence fishing is open for one more 48-hour period with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets from 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 13 when salmon fishing with gillnets will close.

Effective 6 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, subsistence salmon fishing will re-open with dip nets, beach seines, and live-release fish wheels only to target summer chum salmon 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice. All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets, beach seines, and live-release fish wheels.

Subdistrict 4-A Upper:

Subsistence fishing is on the regulatory schedule of two 48-hour periods per week for the next two periods with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets:

- 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 13
- 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, to 6 p.m. Friday, June 16 when salmon fishing with gillnets will close.

Effective 6 a.m. Saturday, June 17, subsistence salmon fishing will re-open with dip nets, beach seines, and live-release fish wheels only to target summer chum salmon for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice. All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets, beach seines, and live-release fish wheels.

Koyukuk River:

The Koyukuk River is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with fish wheels and 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

General Reminder:

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller. Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach. Beach seine gear may not exceed 150 fathoms in length, 100 meshes in depth, and 4-inches stretched measure. Additionally, beach seines may not be constructed of monofilament webbing.

Fishing schedules, test fish catches and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387** (toll free); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions, please call ADF&G in Emmonak at 949-1320, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798.

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