

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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## **2019 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 9 District 4 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

So far, the 2019 Chinook run appears similar to the 2018 Chinook run size, and restrictions to harvest will likely be required to meet escapement goals and harvest share objectives. The subsistence fishing schedule is being reduced to half the regulatory (windows) fishing schedule and gillnets are being restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh. The 2019 summer chum salmon run is coming in late, therefore there is currently less overlap of the summer chum and Chinook salmon runs in middle and upper river districts.

In response to feedback from fishermen from District 4 at the spring preseason meeting, the schedule has been changed from last year in order to provide fishing opportunity during the weekend.

### **Subsistence Management Actions**

**District 4-A** (Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk):

**Effective 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 19 subsistence fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen 6 p.m. Saturday, June 22 with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 24-hour periods per week from:**

- 6 p.m. Saturdays to 6 p.m. Sundays
- 6 p.m. Tuesdays to 6 p.m. Wednesdays

**Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C** (Galena, Ruby): Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day.

**Effective 6 p.m., Sunday, June 23 subsistence fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 24-hour periods per week from:**

- 6 p.m. Tuesdays to 6 p.m. Wednesdays
- 6 p.m. Saturdays to 6 p.m. Sundays

Both set and drift gillnets are allowed in District 4, as well as dip nets and fish wheels. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used.

**Koyukuk River:** Subsistence salmon fishing in the Koyukuk River will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

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