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2019 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 12 Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C 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 are 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 abnormally late and low, therefore less overlap of the summer chum and Chinook salmon runs is expected.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (Tanana and Rampart): Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets and fish wheels. **Effective 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, subsistence salmon fishing will close.**

Subsistence fishing will reopen 6 p.m. Friday, June 28 with 6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 24-hour periods per week from

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

Set gillnets, dip nets, and fish wheels are allowed in District 5. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, gillnets must have 4-inch or smaller mesh.

A subsistence fishing permit is required to fish for all species from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River (Dalton Highway bridge area; Subdistrict 5-C and a portion of Subdistrict 5-D).

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