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2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 14 Districts 5 and 6 Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2017 management strategy is to protect the first pulse of Chinook salmon as many of these fish are heading to spawning grounds in Canada. Subsistence salmon fishing with gillnets and fish wheels will close and re-open with selective gear only, to harvest summer chum as the first pulse of Chinook enters the area. Selective gear includes dip nets, beach seines and live-release (manned) fish wheels. All Chinook salmon must be released alive from these gear types.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B and 5-C: Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, June 23, subsistence salmon fishing with gillnets will close. Fishing will immediately reopen with selective gear, including dip nets, beach seines and live-release fish wheels 24 hours per day 7 days per week to target summer chum salmon.

Subdistrict 5-D: Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels. All salmon may be kept.

Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B: Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective noon on Wednesday, June 21, subsistence salmon fishing will close.

Effective 6 p.m. Friday June 23, subsistence fishing will reopen on the regulatory subsistence schedule of two 42-hour periods per week from 6 p.m. Fridays until noon Sundays and from 6 p.m. Mondays until noon Wednesdays with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Kantishna River: Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Old Minto Area: Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6 p.m. Friday June 23, subsistence fishing will be on the regulatory subsistence fishing schedule of 5 days per week from 6 p.m. Friday until 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Upper Tanana Area: Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

Subdistricts 6-C: Personal use salmon fishing currently consists of two 42-hour periods each week from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 12:00 p.m. noon Sundays and from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 12:00 p.m. noon Wednesdays. Fishermen may use fish wheels and 7.5-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets.

During fishing closures, fishermen may use gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh of 60 feet or shorter length to target non salmon species. Chinook salmon harvested in 4-inch or smaller gillnets may be kept.

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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