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## 2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 14 Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Due to current low numbers of Chinook salmon in the assessment projects, one previously announced 18-hour subsistence fishing period is being <u>cancelled</u> in Districts 1-3. This action is intended to further limit the harvest on early groups of Chinook salmon while more information about the timing and strength of the run is collected.

## **Subsistence Management Actions:**

**District 1** (including the Black River and North Coastal District):

The previously announced period from 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 to 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 20 is cancelled. Subsistence fishing is currently closed and will remain closed until 2 p.m. Friday June 22.

Effective 2 p.m. Friday, June 22, subsistence salmon fishing will open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:

- 2 p.m. Fridays to 8 a.m. Saturdays
- 2 p.m. Tuesdays to 8 a.m. Wednesdays

## Districts 2 and 3:

The previously announced period from 2 p.m. Monday, June 18 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, June 19 is cancelled. Subsistence fishing is currently closed and will remain closed until 2 p.m. Thursday June 21.

Effective 2 p.m. Thursday, June 21, subsistence salmon fishing will open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:

- 2 p.m. Thursdays to 8 a.m. Fridays
- 2 p.m. Mondays to 8 a.m. Tuesdays

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used.

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