

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



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## **2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 21 Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The Chinook abundance estimates are well below average at the Pilot Station sonar to date. This news release announces the next two subsistence fishing periods in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B and 5-C. Gear will be restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. These actions are intended to limit the harvest on the first pulse of Chinook salmon which should begin arriving in Subdistrict 5-A around June 28. The first large group of summer chum salmon should be arriving in 5-A around July 7.

### **Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (including the communities of 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. Saturday, June 23, subsistence salmon fishing will close.**

Fishing will reopen for two 24-hour periods with **6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets** and fish wheels from:

**6 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 27**

**6 p.m. Friday, June 29 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 30**

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

A fishing permit is required for all species from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River (Dalton Highway bridge area). Calendars and fishing permits are available from the Fairbanks ADF&G office.

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