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2019 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release #26 District 4 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The summer chum run projections have improved with strong late groups of chum moving into the river. The lower end of the drainage-wide escapement goal of 500,000 to 1.2 million summer chum is likely to be met. Chinook salmon are still entering the river and the run appears to be coming in stronger than the 2018 run. Subsistence fishing times are being returned to the regulatory schedule to allow more fishing opportunity.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 4-A (Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk): Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

Fishing will open for one previously announced 24-hour period with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels from:

- **6 p.m. Tuesday, July 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3**

Effective 6 p.m. Sunday, July 7, subsistence fishing will open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels for two 48-hour periods per week:

- **6 p.m. Sundays to 6 p.m. Tuesdays**
- **6 p.m. Wednesdays to 6 p.m. Fridays**

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (Galena, Ruby): Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

Effective 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, subsistence fishing will open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels for two 48-hour periods per week:

- **6 p.m. Wednesdays to 6 p.m. Fridays**
- **6 p.m. Sundays to 6 p.m. Tuesdays**

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

Koyukuk River: Subsistence salmon fishing in the Koyukuk River is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

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