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2019 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 31 District 5 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Chinook salmon run is coming in stronger than the 2018 run, and towards the upper end of the preseason forecasts. Fishing times are being returned to the regulatory schedule to allow more fishing opportunity. The requirement to use 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is being removed; fishermen may choose to use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (Tanana and Rampart): Subsistence fishing is currently closed. The mesh size restriction is being removed.

Effective 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, subsistence fishing will open on the regulatory schedule for two 48-hour periods per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels from:

- 6 p.m. Tuesdays to 6 p.m. Thursdays
- 6 p.m. Fridays to 6 p.m. Sundays

Subdistrict 5-D Lower and Middle (from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to 22 Mile Slough, including the Porcupine River, other adjacent tributaries, and communities of Stevens Village, Beaver, Venetie, Chalkyitsik, and Fort Yukon):

The previously announced closure has been cancelled.

Subsistence fishing is currently open and will remain open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Subdistrict 5-D Upper (from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border and including all adjacent tributaries, and communities of Circle and Eagle):

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

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), and from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border.

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