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2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 42 District 4 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Subsistence fishing periods are returning to the regulatory schedule for the remainder of the Chinook salmon run in order to spread out harvest and allow fish to travel upriver. Fishermen should expect further announcements regarding fishing schedules for fall species.

Subsistence Management Actions:

District 4 (including Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk, Galena and Ruby):

As previously announced, fishing is open from 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 12 with **6-inch** or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6 p.m. Sunday, July 15, fishing will open with **7.5-inch** or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels for two <u>48-hour</u> periods per week:

6 p.m. Sundays to 6 p.m. Tuesdays

6 p.m. Wednesday to 6 p.m. Fridays

Fishermen may use set and drift gillnets and fish wheels, and all salmon may be retained. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon species.

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