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2019 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 5 Districts 2 and 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Based on preseason projections, the 2019 Chinook salmon run on the Yukon River is anticipated to have average run timing, and similar run size to last year. Consistent catches of Chinook salmon have been detected in the Lower Yukon River Test Fishery; therefore, the subsistence fishing schedule is being reduced to half the regulatory (windows) fishing schedule. This is intended to limit the harvest on early groups of Chinook salmon while more information about the timing and strength of the run is collected. In response to feedback from fishermen from Districts 2 and 3 at the spring preseason meeting, opening times have been changed from last year in order to provide more fishing opportunity during the weekend.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 2 (Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station and Marshall):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 8 a.m., Thursday, June 13 subsistence fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15 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. Saturdays to 8 a.m. Sundays
- 2 p.m. Wednesdays to 8 a.m. Thursdays

District 3 (Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 8 a.m., Sunday, June 16 subsistence fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 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. Wednesdays to 8 a.m. Thursdays

- **2 p.m. Saturdays to 8 a.m. Sundays**

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed between the 18-hour fishing periods. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used.

Innoko River (Shageluk): Subsistence salmon fishing in the Innoko River will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week because of the typically low abundance of Chinook salmon in this area. Subsistence fishermen may use 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Fishermen are reminded that dip nets are now a legal subsistence salmon fishing gear. Fishermen may use dip nets to fish for salmon during the open subsistence salmon periods.

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