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## Advisory Announcement

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### **Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery Announcement #3**

#### **Emergency Order #3-S-WR-03-21**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in Bethel for subsistence fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

#### **Subsistence King Salmon Fishing Permit:**

#### **From the Yukon Delta NWR boundary at Aniak upstream to the Headwaters of the Kuskokwim River; Subsistence Sections 4 and 5:**

Beginning 12:01 a.m., June 12, 2021, subsistence fishing with the subsistence king salmon permit will be allowed until further notice during times that the subsistence gillnet fishery is closed. Regulations for fishing with this permit are:

- Only one permit may be issued per household.
- Annual permit harvest limit is 10 king salmon.
- All other fish caught while fishing with the permit may be retained.
- Permit must be on your person while fishing.
- Gillnets must be 6-inch or less mesh, not to exceed 25 fathoms in length, and 45 meshes depth.
- King salmon may also be harvested with hook and line, dipnets, fish wheels, and beach seines.
- All king salmon harvested by any gear type count toward the household's annual permit limit.
- The Aniak box will remain closed to gillnets with or without the subsistence permit. The Aniak box includes waters of the Kuskokwim River from the Yukon Delta NWR boundary at Aniak upstream to a line formed between two points lat 61° 35.308' N, long 159° 29.167' W and lat 61° 34.731' N, long 159° 28.939' W (Figure 1).

Subsistence fishing with a permit may only occur from the Yukon Delta NWR boundary at Aniak upstream to the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River. Once permit holders harvest the annual limit of 10 king salmon the permit is no longer valid and fishers must wait until a scheduled opening to continue subsistence fishing.

**Kuskokwim River king salmon subsistence fishing permits can be obtained from the following vendors:**

Kuskokwim River Community Vendors:

<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Contact Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
Upper & Lower Kalskag	Upper Kalskag TC	Bonnie Persson	(907) 471-2207	kalskagtribal@yahoo.com
Aniak	Aniak TC	Laura Simeon	(907) 675-4349	aniaktribe88@yahoo.com
Napaimute/Aniak	Native Village of Napaimute	Dan Gillikin	(907) 545-0564	dangillikin@gmail.com
Chuathbaluk	Chuathbaluk TC	Katherine Phillips	(907) 744-3687	ctc.kathyphillips@gmail.com
Crooked Creek/Georgetown	Crooked Creek TC Thomas Trading Post	Janine Stewman	(907) 240-2346 (907) 467-4313	crookedcreektraditionalcouncil@gmail.com azaucar@gmail.com
Red Devil		Rebecca Willmarth	(907) 447-3249	wilmarth@me.com
Sleetmute	Sleetmute TC	Maddison Mellick	(907) 449-4263	
Stony River	Stony River TC	Mary Willis	(907) 537-3258	stony.river@yahoo.com
Nikolai	City of Nikolai	Winchel Ticknor	(907) 293-2113	tg_twds@outlook.com

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**Anchorage:** Halia Janssen, (907) 267-2353, halia.janssen@alaska.gov, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518

**Online:** <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/>

**Please contact ADF&G at (907) 543-2433 for more subsistence permit information.**

**As previously announced:**

- Subsistence fishing with gillnets closes in Section 4 on June 9, 2021 and in Section 5 on June 11, 2021.
- Subsistence fishing with gillnets will continue to be closed in the Aniak River drainage to the ADF&G regulatory markers at its confluence with the Kuskokwim River.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel Fish and Game office, on the State of Alaska web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), local radio stations, and Kuskokwim River Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/KuskoRiverFishingADFG/>). Advisory Announcements will be faxed to area villages. For additional information or questions regarding Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 1-855-933-2433.

Under Alaska’s Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, subsistence and commercial fishing is considered essential and is part of Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

**For additional information concerning this advisory announcement:  
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Figure 1.— Map of Aniak area closed waters.