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Advisory Announcement

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Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery Announcement #5

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

Subsistence Section 5 (From the Holitna River mouth to the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River):

The household subsistence permit is no longer required to subsistence fish for any fish in Subsistence Section 5.

Subsistence fishing with 6-inch or less mesh gillnets (set or drift), not to exceed 25 fathoms in length and 45 meshes in depth, will be open from 4:55 p.m., Wednesday, June 16 until further notice.

Chinook salmon may be retained if caught with gillnets (set or drift), fish wheels, dip nets, beach seines, and hook and line gear until further notice in Subsistence Section 5 beginning 4:55 p.m., Wednesday, June 16 until further notice.

This action was proposed and supported by the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Group at the recent public meeting on June 16, 2021.

Kuskokwim River Salmon Working Group:

The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., by teleconference or in-person, at the Bethel ADF&G office. This meeting is open to the public. Please call 1-800-365-6338, passcode: 58756#, to attend via teleconference.

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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