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Advisory Announcement

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Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery Announcement #7

Emergency Order #3-S-WR-07-21

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

Subsistence Sections 1-3 (Yukon Delta Refuge boundary at mouth of the Kuskokwim River to a line formed between two points lat 61° 20.333' N, long 160° 34.867' W and lat 61° 20.333' N, long 160° 41.05' W [**Kalskag Bluffs**]):

- **Subsistence fishing will open** with 6-inch or less mesh gillnets (set or drift) from **10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on June 28.**
 - **Below the Johnson River**, gillnets (set or drift) are restricted to 45 meshes in depth, and 50 fathoms in length.
 - **Above the Johnson River**, gillnets (set or drift) are restricted to 45 meshes in depth, and 25 fathoms in length.
- Chinook salmon may be retained if caught with fish wheels, dip nets, beach seines, and hook and line from **10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on June 28.**

As previously announced:

Subsistence fishing with gillnets will continue to be closed on the following tributaries until further notice:

- The Eek River drainage to its confluence with the Kuskokwim River.
- The Kwethluk River drainage to ADF&G regulatory markers located at its confluence with Kuskokuak Slough.
- The Kasigluk and Kisaralik river drainages, including Old Kuskokuak Slough to ADF&G regulatory markers at the confluence of Old Kuskokuak Slough with Kuskokuak Slough.
- The Tuluksak River drainage, including its confluence with the Kuskokwim River and downstream approximately 1-mile to ADF&G regulatory markers.
- The Aniak River drainage to ADF&G regulatory markers at its confluence with the Kuskokwim River.

The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, 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/>.

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