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Kuskokwim River Fishery Announcement #2

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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. Please refer to Kuskokwim River Fishery Announcement #1 for the start dates of the front-end closure in subsistence sections 1-5 (Mouth of Kuskokwim River to Headwaters).

Subsistence fishing with set gillnets in the Kuskokwim River mainstem will be open in the following sections of the Kuskokwim River:

Subsistence Sections 4-5 (Yukon Delta Refuge boundary near Aniak to the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River):

- Open with 6-inch or less mesh set gillnets from **12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7 until further notice**. Set gillnets may not exceed 60 feet in length and 45 meshes in depth and may not be operated more than 100 feet from the ordinary high-water mark.

As previously announced: Subsistence fishing with hook and line, fish wheels equipped with live boxes or chutes, beach seines, and dip nets is currently allowed until further notice. Any Chinook or chum salmon caught with these gear types must be returned immediately to the water alive.

As a reminder the next meeting of the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., by teleconference. This meeting is open to the public. Please call 1-800-315-6338 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.

For information regarding federal subsistence fishing regulations and any announcements, please contact the Yukon Delta NWR at (907) 543-3151 or (907) 543-1021.

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