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2014 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 6

Fall Announcement # 6, District 4 and Koyukuk River Salmon Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Subdistrict 4-A: Subdistrict 4-A begins three quarters of a mile below Old Paradise Village at the mouth of an unnamed slough and runs upstream to the tip of Cone Point, which includes the mainstem Yukon River villages of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk.

The current subsistence salmon fishing period in Subdistrict 4-A is scheduled to close at 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 25. Instead, subsistence will remain open until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 27. After that, Subdistrict 4-A will be on a 5 day per week subsistence salmon fishing schedule with fishing open from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays through 6:00 p.m. Sundays. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

Beginning **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 29**, the use of subsistence **drift gillnet gear** will be allowed during subsistence salmon fishing periods in the portion of Subdistrict 4-A upstream from the mouth of Stink Creek. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C: Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C include that section of river from the tip of Cone Point upstream to the westernmost edge of Illinois Creek of the Yukon River and includes the mainstem Yukon River villages of Galena and Ruby.

The current subsistence schedule is two 48-hour periods per week from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 6:00 p.m. Fridays. Effective 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 27, Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C will be on 5 day per week subsistence salmon fishing schedule from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Fridays. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

Koyukuk River: Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve Chinook salmon.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 28, subsistence salmon fishing in the Koyukuk River will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

In all of District 4, during subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free). If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at (907) 459-7274 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1845.

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