

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2015 Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery News Release #12
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This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for subsistence fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

Subsistence salmon fishing with gillnets will be allowed in the Kuskokwim River as specified:

From the Holitna River to the Headwaters of the Kuskokwim River (excluding the Holitna and Swift rivers), subsistence fishing will be allowed with 6-inch or less mesh gillnets, 45 meshes deep, and not to exceed 50 fathoms in length, from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2015 until further notice.

The use of dip nets for subsistence salmon fishing will be discontinued in the Kuskokwim River Drainage, from the Holitna River to the Headwaters of the Kuskokwim River, effective 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

As Previously Announced

The Kuskokwim River and its tributaries, from the Holitna River to the Headwaters of the Kuskokwim River are open to subsistence fishing with a hook and line for Chinook salmon. The Chinook salmon limit for this hook and line opportunity will be 3 fish per day, 6 in possession.

Subsistence fishing within the Stony River is unrestricted.

Subsistence fishing with fish wheels is currently allowed until further notice. Fish wheels are required to have a live box with no less than 45 cubic feet of water, must be checked at least every 6 hours. Fish wheels can be equipped with a chute and must be closely attended while in operation. All Chinook salmon must be returned alive to the water.

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>), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies. For additional information or questions regarding Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in the Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 1-855-933-2433.