

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**2015 Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery News Release #19  
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This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for Kuskokwim Area fishermen.

**Subdistrict 1-B**

**The Upper Section of Subdistrict 1-B will open to commercial salmon fishing for 6 hours from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 20, 2015.** This area is defined as that portion of District 1 downstream of regulatory markers located at Bethel to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 15 miles downstream of Johnson River.

**The Lower Section of Subdistrict 1-B will open to commercial salmon fishing for 8 hours from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 20, 2015.** This area is defined as that portion of District 1 from a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 15 miles downstream of the Johnson River to the lower boundary of District 1, defined as a line from Apokak Slough to the southernmost tip of Eek Island to Popokamiut.

The hours for subsistence closures adjacent to periods of commercial fishing on the Kuskokwim River are 6 hours before, during, and 3 hours after commercial fishing. The area closed to subsistence fishing includes the subdistrict open to commercial fishing and a buffer area of the adjacent subdistrict. **Therefore, from 4:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 20, subsistence salmon fishing in the Kuskokwim River will be closed from the upper end of Straight Slough downstream to a line from Apokak Slough to the southern-most tip of Eek Island to Popokamiut.**

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.