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2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 13 Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

This news release puts Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C on a reduced subsistence salmon fishing schedule. These actions are intended to limit the harvest on early groups of Chinook salmon while more information about the timing and strength of the run is collected.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (including the communities of Galena and Ruby):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels. By new regulation which passed at the 2018 Board of Fisheries meeting, drift gillnets may be used beginning June 10 during open subsistence periods.

Fishing will close 6 p.m. Monday, June 18. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 24-hour periods per week from:

- **6 p.m. Wednesdays to 6 p.m. Thursdays**
- **6 p.m. Sundays to 6 p.m. Mondays**

During these openings, fishermen may use set gillnets, drift gillnets, and fishwheels.

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed between the 24-hour fishing periods. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used.

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