

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



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**2018 Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery News Release #8  
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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.

**From the Yukon Delta NWR boundary at Aniak upstream to the Holitna River mouth:  
Section 4**

**Subsistence fishing with 6-inch or less mesh gillnets, not to exceed 25 fathoms in length and 45 meshes in depth, will open at 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2018 until further notice.** Chinook salmon may be retained if caught with fish wheels, beach seines, and hook and line, and gillnets during this gillnet opener.

**The waters of the Kuskokwim River from the Yukon Delta NWR boundary at Aniak upstream to a line formed between two points lat 61° 35.308' N, long 159° 29.167' W and lat 61° 34.731' N, long 159° 28.939' W (Figure 1) will remain closed to subsistence fishing with gillnets until further notice.** Subsistence fishing with hook and line, fish wheels equipped with a live box or chute, beach seines and dip nets is allowed in these waters, **but all Chinook salmon caught must be returned to the water alive.** These closed waters are in place to help provide protection for Chinook salmon bound for the Aniak River.

As previously announced, subsistence fishing with gillnets remains closed in the Aniak River.

This subsistence fishery opening was supported by the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group at the recent public meeting held on June 20, 2018 in Bethel.

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.

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Figure 1.— Map of Aniak area closed waters.