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**2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 26
Subdistrict 4-A Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Chinook salmon passage at the Pilot Station sonar is well below average and appears to be similar to 2015 in run timing and abundance. Current assessment is indicating the 2018 Chinook salmon run may be coming in below the lower end of the preseason projection. While a run of this size should be large enough to meet escapement goals, subsistence restrictions including further reduced fishing time and restricted gillnet mesh size are necessary.

The previously announced period from 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 27 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 28 **is cancelled**. This is to ensure passage of Chinook salmon to the upper river.

Subsistence Management Actions:

Subdistrict 4-A (including the communities of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk):

Subsistence fishing is open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and will close effective 6 p.m. Monday, June 25.

Fishing will reopen with **6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets** for the following 24-hour period:

6 p.m. Sunday, July 1 to 6 p.m. Monday, July 2

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