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**2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 38
Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

Current assessment is indicating the 2018 Chinook salmon run may be coming in below the lower end of the preseason projection. Subsistence restrictions including reduced fishing time and restricted gillnet mesh size are necessary to reduce the overall subsistence harvest for Chinook salmon. Fishermen may need to adjust their Chinook salmon harvest goals to account for this weaker than expected run size.

Fishing in subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C will continue on a reduced regulatory schedule with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels. The third pulse of Chinook salmon should begin arriving in Subdistrict 5-A by July 9.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (including the communities of Tanana and Rampart)

As previously announced, subsistence fishing with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fishwheels will open at 6 p.m. Friday, July 6 and close at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 7.

Effective 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, fishing will open for two 24-hour subsistence periods per week with **6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets** and fish wheels from:

6 p.m. Tuesdays to 6 p.m. Wednesdays

6 p.m. Fridays to 6 p.m. Saturdays

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon species.

A fishing permit is required for all species from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River (Dalton Highway bridge area). Calendars and fishing permits are available from the Fairbanks ADF&G office.

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