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**2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 15
Subdistrict 4-A Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The 2017 management strategy is to protect the first pulse of Chinook salmon and take a precautionary approach during the early part of the run. While the first pulse of Chinook salmon is passing through District 4, fishing will be open with selective gear types only to target summer chum salmon. Assessment of the Chinook salmon run at Pilot Station Sonar is indicating that the run may be similar to 2016, therefore fishing will reopen with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh and fish wheels on the regulatory schedule after the first pulse has moved through. Additionally, one subsistence fishing period with 7.5-inch maximum mesh gillnets is being opened to target Chinook salmon. Fishermen may expect additional announcements for 7.5-inch gillnet openings if run strength warrants it.

Subdistrict 4-A Lower (including the Anvik River):

Subsistence fishing is currently open with dip nets, beach seines, and live-release fish wheels only to target summer chum salmon 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All Chinook salmon must be released alive from these selective gear types.

Effective 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, subsistence fishing with selective gear will close and immediately re-open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels on the regulatory fishing schedule of two 48-hour periods per week:

- 6 p.m. Wednesdays until 6 p.m. Fridays
- 6 p.m. Sundays until 6 p.m. Tuesdays

Effective noon Saturday, June 24, fishing will be open for one period from noon Saturday, June 24, until noon Sunday, June 25, with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Fishermen may keep any Chinook salmon harvested in set and drift gillnets and fish wheels during these periods.

Subdistrict 4-A Upper:

Fishing is currently open with dip nets, beach seines, and live-release fish wheels only to target summer chum salmon 24 hours a day, until 6 p.m. Sunday, June 25. All Chinook salmon must be released alive from these selective gear types.

Effective 6 p.m. Sunday, June 25, subsistence fishing with selective gear will close and immediately re-open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels on the regulatory fishing schedule of two 48-hour periods per week:

- 6 p.m. Sundays until 6 p.m. Tuesdays
- 6 p.m. Wednesdays until 6 p.m. Fridays

Effective 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, fishing will open for one period from 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, until 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 28 with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Fishermen may keep any Chinook salmon harvested in set and drift gillnets and fish wheels during these periods.

Koyukuk River:

The Koyukuk River is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with fish wheels and 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

During fishing closures, fishermen may use gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh of 60 feet or shorter length to target non salmon species. Chinook salmon harvested in 4-inch or smaller gillnets may be kept.

Fishing schedules, test fish catches and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387** (toll free); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions, please call ADF&G in Emmonak at 949-1320, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798.

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