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

Early Chinook salmon should now be entering Subdistrict 4-A. In order to provide limited harvest opportunity, salmon fishing will be open on the regulatory schedule and restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. Once the first pulse of Chinook salmon enters the area, fishermen should expect management actions that will close subsistence salmon fishing with gillnets and re-open fishing with selective gear only. These closures will be implemented in upriver fishing districts and subdistricts based on migratory timing.

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Subdistrict 4-A Lower:

Effective 6 p.m. on Friday, June 9, subsistence fishing will close.

Effective 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, fishing will re-open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels on the regulatory salmon fishing schedule of two 48-hour periods per week. Fishermen may keep any Chinook salmon harvested in set and drift gillnets and fish wheels.

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

Subdistrict 4-A Upper:

Effective 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, subsistence fishing will close.

Effective 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, fishing will re-open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels on the regulatory salmon fishing schedule of two 48-hour periods per week. Fishermen may keep any Chinook salmon harvested in set and drift gillnets and fish wheels.

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

As a reminder, fishermen may use gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh of 60 feet or shorter length during salmon fishing closures and all salmon caught in gillnets may be kept.

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

The Yukon River Inseason Salmon Management Teleconferences hosted by Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association will be held every Tuesday, starting June 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. To participate, call (800) 315-6338, and enter code: YUKON # (98566#).

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