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**2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 5
Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

Early Chinook salmon should now be entering Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C. In order to conserve Chinook salmon while still providing some harvest opportunity, salmon fishing in the area will begin on the regulatory schedule and be 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.

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C:

Effective 6 p.m. on Friday, June 16, subsistence salmon fishing will close.

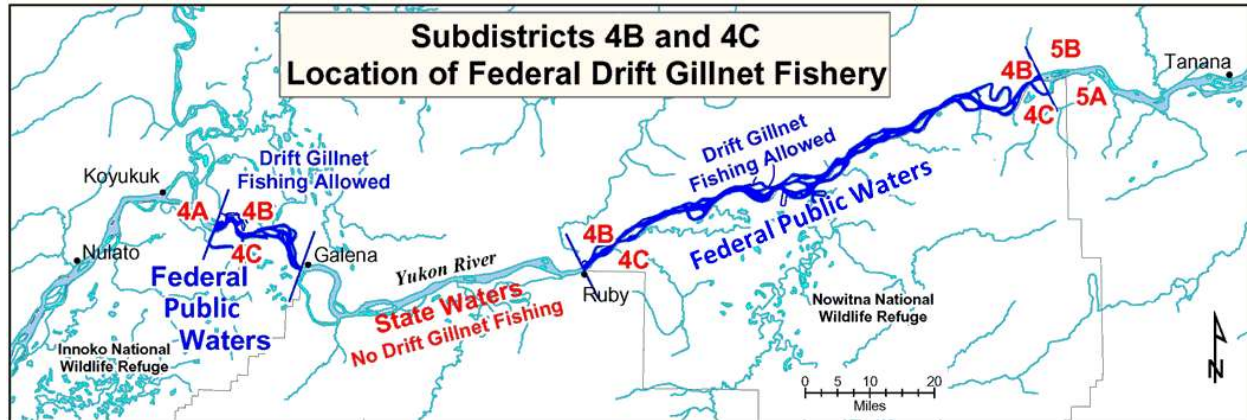
Effective 6 p.m. Sunday, June 18, fishing will reopen on the regulatory salmon fishing schedule of two 48-hour periods per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

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

Drift Fishing in Federal Public Waters

Federal regulations allow the use of drift gillnets for the subsistence harvest of Chinook salmon in Federal public waters in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C from June 10 through July 14

during scheduled gillnet openings. **Federally qualified subsistence fishermen who want to fish with drift gillnets in Federal public waters of Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C may do so with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnet gear until 6 p.m. on Friday, June 16 at which time subsistence salmon fishing will close. Effective 6 p.m. Sunday, June 18, fishermen may drift with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets in Federal public waters on the regulatory schedule.** Anyone fishing outside of these areas are limited to set gillnets only.



During salmon fishing closures in all waters of Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C, fishermen may use gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh of 60 feet or shorter length. Chinook salmon harvested in 4-inch or smaller gillnets may be kept, however; fishermen are strongly encouraged to avoid fishing where Chinook salmon may be encountered.

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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