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## **2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 5 Coastal District and Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Based on preseason projections, the 2018 Chinook salmon run on the Yukon River is anticipated to be early and similar run size to last year. The first subsistence-caught Chinook and chum salmon were reported on May 27, however reports from the lower river indicate water levels are very high and wood debris is some of the worst seen in years, which will likely affect fishing efforts.

This news release puts Districts 1-3 on a reduced subsistence salmon fishing schedule. These actions are intended to limit the harvest on early groups of Chinook salmon while more information about the timing and strength of the run is collected. The Southern Portion of the Coastal District and the Innoko River will remain on their full regulatory schedule because of the typically low abundance of Chinook salmon in these areas.

### **Subsistence Management Actions**

**South Coastal District** (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to 62 degrees North latitude which includes Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay): **Subsistence fishing will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Subsistence fishermen may use 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.**

**District 1** (including the Black River and North Coastal District):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

**Effective Friday, June 8, subsistence salmon fishing will be open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:**

- 2 p.m. Fridays to 8 a.m. Saturdays
- 2 p.m. Tuesdays to 8 a.m. Wednesdays

**Subsistence salmon fishing is closed between the 18-hour fishing periods.** During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used.

**Districts 2 and 3:**

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

**Effective Monday, June 11, subsistence salmon fishing will be open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:**

- **2 p.m. Mondays to 8 a.m. Tuesdays**
- **2 p.m. Thursdays to 8 a.m. Fridays**

**Subsistence salmon fishing is closed between the 18-hour fishing periods.** During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used.

**Innoko River:**

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

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