

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 17**

#### **Subdistrict 4-A Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Chinook salmon passage at the Pilot Station sonar is well below average and appears to be similar to 2015 in run timing and abundance, indicating the run may be coming in toward the lower end of the preseason projection. While a run of this size should be large enough to meet escapement goals, some subsistence restrictions are necessary.

In addition to the reduced regulatory fishing schedule, one subsistence fishing period per week will be reduced to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The other weekly fishing period will be with 7.5-inch or smaller gillnets. This is to allow some reduced harvest of Chinook salmon and provide summer chum harvest opportunity. The previously announced period from 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 20 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 21 was cancelled. This is to ensure some passage of early Chinook salmon to the upper river.

#### **Subsistence Management Actions through June 30:**

**Subdistrict 4-A** (including the communities of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk):

Subsistence fishing is open for the following 24-hour periods:

**7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets:** 6 p.m. Sunday, June 17 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 18

**6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets:** 6 p.m. Sunday, June 24 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 25

**7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets:** 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 27 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 28

**Subsistence salmon fishing is closed between the 24-hour fishing periods.**

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