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2019 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 21 District 4 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2019 summer chum run projection has improved significantly and now indicates the drainage-wide escapement goal will be met. The 2019 Chinook run appears similar to the 2018 Chinook run size. Similar to 2018, harvest on Chinook runs of this size needs to be restricted in order to meet escapement goals and harvest share objectives. Gillnet restrictions are being relaxed in some districts to allow harvest opportunity for Chinook salmon, in the presence of summer chum. However, fishing periods are still reduced to half the regulatory (windows) fishing schedule, which allows Chinook salmon to pass upriver to spawn.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 4-A (Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk): Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

Effective 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, subsistence fishing will open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for two 24-hour periods per week:

- **6 p.m. Tuesdays to 6 p.m. Wednesdays**
- **6 p.m. Saturdays to 6 p.m. Sundays**

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (Galena, Ruby): Subsistence fishing is currently closed and the previously announced closure for the July 2 period is still in effect.

Effective 6 p.m. Saturday, July 6, subsistence fishing will open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for two 24-hour periods per week:

- **6 p.m. Saturdays to 6 p.m. Sundays**
- **6 p.m. Tuesdays to 6 p.m. Wednesdays**

Both set and drift gillnets are allowed in District 4, as well as dip nets and fish wheels. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, gillnet mesh must be 4-inch or smaller.

Koyukuk River: Subsistence salmon fishing in the Koyukuk River will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

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