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**2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 30
Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

This news release announces the next two subsistence fishing periods in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B and 5-C. Gear will be restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets to limit the harvest of Chinook salmon. Chinook salmon passage at the Pilot Station sonar is well below average and appears to be similar to 2015 in run timing and abundance and the 2018 Chinook salmon run may be coming in below the lower end of the preseason projection. The current management strategy is to provide some limited Chinook harvest opportunity. Fishermen may need to adjust their Chinook salmon harvest goals to account for this weaker than expected run size.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (including the communities of Tanana and Rampart)

Subsistence fishing is open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fishwheels from 6 p.m. Friday, June 29 and will close 6 p.m. Saturday, June 30.

Fishing will reopen for two 24-hour periods with **6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets** and fish wheels from:

6 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 4

6 p.m. Friday, July 6 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 7

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used.

A fishing permit is required for all species from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River (Dalton Highway bridge area). Calendars and fishing permits are available from the Fairbanks ADF&G office.

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