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2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 34 Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2018 fall chum salmon inseason run projection is 700,000 to 900,000 fish. This level of abundance is anticipated to be sufficient to meet escapement and subsistence needs and provide a surplus for commercial and personal use purposes. Because of the Chinook salmon restrictions put in place in the Yukon Area this season, the department is increasing the opportunity to harvest fall chum salmon for subsistence use. Therefore, the current subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C is being relaxed.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C (from Illinois Creek upstream to regulatory markers 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek, which includes the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River Bridge):

Effective immediately, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Subsistence fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size set gillnets and fish wheels.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-C from the western most tip of Garnet Island to department regulatory markers located approximately two miles downstream from Waldron Creek. Subdistrict 5-C includes the community of Rampart and the Yukon River bridge area. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Permits and calendars are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

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