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**2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 46
Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The 2018 Chinook salmon run is returning near the lower end of the preseason projection and managers are predicting that a run of this size, in combination with the restrictions already implemented, will be adequate to meet escapement goals and Canadian border passage and harvest share objectives. At this time, it is warranted to relax subsistence salmon restrictions in the later portion of the run. The fourth pulse of Chinook salmon should begin arriving in Subdistrict 5-A by July 17.

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

As previously announced, subsistence fishing will open for a 24-hour period from 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 20, fishing will open for two 48-hour subsistence periods per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets and fish wheels from:

6 p.m. Fridays to 6 p.m. Sundays

6 p.m. Tuesdays to 6 p.m. Thursdays

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon species.

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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