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2019 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 5 Subdistrict 4-A Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2019 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, is for a run size of 625,000 fall chum salmon with a range of 500,000 to 750,000 fish. Run sizes within this range are expected to provide for escapement and subsistence use needs. The commercial fishing season is open in District 4, however, there are no buyers registered in the district. In accordance with the *Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan*, a threshold run size of 550,000 fish is necessary to open a fall chum salmon directed commercial fishery. Commercial fishing is allowed on the surplus above 550,000. Processors, catcher sellers, or direct marketers interested in operating in District 4 should notify the department by contacting the Fairbanks office at 459-7274.

Consistent with transitioning to fall season management, the following management actions will occur in Subdistrict 4-A:

Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ mile downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point, and includes the communities of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk):

Subsistence fishing is currently on the regulatory fishing schedule of two 48-hour periods per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size drift and set gillnets, and fish wheels:

- **6 p.m. Sundays until 6 p.m. Tuesdays**
- **6 p.m. Wednesdays until 6 p.m. Fridays**

Effective 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, subsistence fishing in Subdistrict 4-A will remain open until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 28. After that, Subdistrict 4-A will be on a 5-day per week schedule from 6 p.m. Tuesdays until 6 p.m. Sundays with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Subsistence fishermen in all of Subdistrict 4-A, including those fishing in the lower portion of Subdistrict 4-A below Stink Creek (includes the communities of Anvik and Grayling) may use drift and set gillnet gear, dip nets, and fishwheels when subsistence fishing for salmon.

Koyukuk River:

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon species and fish wheels may not be operated.

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