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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #67  
District 5 Subsistence Fishing Schedule  
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

As a result of considerable conservation efforts, the Canadian-origin Chinook salmon run will likely exceed the upper end of the escapement objective of 42,500 to 55,000. Through July 24, approximately 54,000 Chinook salmon have been counted at the Eagle sonar project. With a current border passage estimate of this size, Canadian spawning escapements and harvest sharing objectives are likely to be met. Therefore, gear restrictions are being relaxed in District 5.

Beginning Tuesday, July 26, subsistence salmon fishing in District 5 will remain on its current schedule, however, fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use.

**Management Actions**

**Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C** (from the western edge of the mouth of Illinois Creek to the ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately two miles downstream of Waldron Creek, including the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River bridge):

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C is open five days per week, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays to 6:00 p.m. Sundays with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, subsistence salmon fishermen in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use. Subsistence salmon fishing remains open from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays to 6:00 p.m. Sundays.

**Subdistrict 5-D** (from the ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the U.S./Canada border, including all adjacent tributaries and the communities of Stevens Village, Beaver, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Chalkyitsik, Circle, and Eagle):

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing in all of Subdistrict 5-D is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, subsistence salmon fishermen in Subdistrict 5-D may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use. Subsistence salmon fishing remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

A fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the following locations: between the western tip of Garnet Island and the Dall River (Dalton Highway bridge area) and from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADF&G office in Fairbanks at 459-7274 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at 455-1849.

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