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Federal Subsistence Board Approves New Regulations for Kuskokwim River Drainage Chinook Salmon Fishery

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) met May 16-17, 2018, in Anchorage, to address agenda items that were not completed during their April 2018 meeting and consider multiple fisheries temporary special action requests. During the May meeting, the Board approved Temporary Special Action Request FSA18-01 with modification and took no action on Temporary Special Action Request FSA18-03 based on the action taken on FSA18-01.

From June 12 through July 15, 2018, Federal public waters of the Kuskokwim River drainage will be closed to the harvest of Chinook Salmon except by Federally qualified subsistence users. During this timeframe the in-season manager may implement a community-based allocation system among Federally qualified subsistence users for the purpose of allowing more Chinook Salmon subsistence fishing opportunity than would otherwise be provided.

The Manager of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, who is the Federal in-season manager, beginning June 12, may provide harvest opportunity for Chinook Salmon subsistence fisheries using openings, closures, and gear restrictions developed in consultation with the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and other fishery managers including State and tribal interests.

This Temporary Special Action will expire on July 15, 2018.

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