

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



*Sam Cotten, Commissioner  
Jeff Regnart, Director*



Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Jeff Estensen, Area Management Biologist  
Christy Gleason, Asst. Area Management Biologist  
Lower Yukon Area Office  
P.O. Box 127  
Emmonak, AK 99518  
Phone: (907) 949-1320  
Fax: (907) 949-1830

U.S. Department of Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Federal Subsistence Board  
Geoffrey L. Haskett, Regional Director  
Gene Peltola, Asst. Regional Director Subsistence  
Fred Bue, Yukon Area Inseason Manager  
Fairbanks Fish and Wildlife Field Office  
101 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rm 110  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
Phone: (907) 455-1849 or 1-800-267-3997  
Fax (907) 455-1853

Date Issued: July 26, 2015

**2015 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 8  
Fall Announcement # 8, Subdistrict 4-A and Koyukuk River Subsistence Fishing Schedule**  
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2015 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, is for a run size between 700,000 and 800,000 fish. This level of abundance should be sufficient to provide for escapement, an above average subsistence harvest, and a surplus available for commercial and personal use purposes.

The Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan went into effect July 16 in the Lower Yukon River Districts. Upriver districts and subdistricts are transitioning to fall management concurrent with the fall chum salmon migration reaching those areas. The front end of the fall chum salmon migration should be entering Subdistrict 4-A around July 28. Consistent with transitioning to fall season management, the following changes to subsistence fishing in Subdistrict 4-A and the Koyukuk River will occur:

**Subdistrict 4-A:** Subdistrict 4-A begins three quarters of a mile below Old Paradise Village at the mouth of an unnamed slough and runs upstream to the tip of Cone Point, which includes the mainstem Yukon River villages of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk.

Subdistrict 4-A is currently on a 5-day per week subsistence salmon fishing schedule with fishing open from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays through 6:00 p.m. Sundays. Gillnets restricted to a mesh size of 6 inches or less and drift gillnet fishing is allowed in the upper portion of Subdistrict 4-A upstream from the mouth of Stink Creek.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with mesh size up to 7.5 inches. Subsistence fishermen fishing in the upper portion of Subdistrict 4-A upstream from the mouth of Stink Creek can also continue using drift gillnet gear during fall season subsistence salmon fishing periods.

**Koyukuk River:** Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve Chinook salmon.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, subsistence salmon fishing in the Koyukuk River will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

In Subdistrict 4-A, during subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free). If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at (907) 459-7274 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1845.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

-end-