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**2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 6
Summer Announcement # 5, 2012 Lower Yukon Subsistence Fishing Schedule**
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Coastal District: Subsistence salmon fishing is open seven days a week. In order to conserve Chinook salmon, gillnets will be restricted to a maximum mesh size of 6-inches from 12:00 noon June 6 until 12:00 noon June 12 in that portion of the Coastal District, from the Naskonat Peninsula north to 62° North latitude, including the communities of Chevak, Hooper Bay, and Scammon Bay.

The regulatory subsistence salmon fishing schedule began May 31 in District 1 and is being implemented chronologically, consistent with migratory timing as the Chinook salmon run progresses upstream.

District 1: Subsistence salmon fishing closed at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 2 and will reopen 8:00 p.m. Monday, June 4. Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1 is open for two 36-hour periods per week from 8:00 p.m. Mondays until 8:00 a.m. Wednesdays and from 8:00 p.m. Thursdays until 8:00 a.m. Saturdays.

Subsistence salmon fishing in Yukon River Districts 2 and 3 is currently open seven days a week until the regulatory fishing schedule is implemented. Once effective, the subsistence salmon fishing schedule will consist of two 36-hour periods each week.

District 2: Subsistence salmon fishing will close at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 5 and then open for two 36-hour periods per week from 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 8:00 a.m. Fridays and 8:00 p.m.

Sundays until 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays.

District 3: Subsistence salmon fishing will close at 8:00 a.m. Friday, June 8 and then open for two 36-hour periods per week from 8:00 p.m. Sundays until 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 8:00 a.m. Fridays.

Innoko River: Subsistence salmon fishing is open seven days a week.

During the subsistence salmon fishing closures, all gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

Fishermen in Districts 1-6 and the Coastal District may not take salmon using gillnets with mesh size larger than 7.5-inches.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Emmonak seasonal offices will open on June 4. Office hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and closed on Sunday.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 949-1798. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

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

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