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**2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #9
Summer Announcement #7, District 4 Regulatory Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point): The subsistence salmon fishing schedule consists of two 48-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 6:00 pm Fridays, and from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays. By regulation, fishermen in Subdistrict 4-A may use drift gillnets during scheduled subsistence fishing periods on the mainstem of the Yukon River from June 10 to July 14. Subdistrict 4-A, includes the mainstem Yukon River communities of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk.

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (from Cone Point to Illinois Creek): Subsistence fishing for all species is currently open 7 days per week, 24 hours a day until the regulatory subsistence salmon fishing schedule becomes effective. Subsistence fishing for salmon in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C, which includes the mainstem Yukon River communities of Galena and Ruby, will close at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 19. The subsistence salmon fishing schedule will then consist of two 48-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 6:00 pm Fridays, and from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays. State regulations do not allow the use of drift gillnets in State waters of Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C. Federal regulations allow the use of drift gillnets in Federal waters of Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C. Subsistence salmon fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations before subsistence fishing. Subsistence fishermen wishing to utilize drift gillnet gear in these subdistricts should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (907) 656-1231 or (907) 949-1798 for the fishing schedule, permit requirements, and gear restrictions.

Koyukuk River: By regulation, subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week, 24 hours a day, all season.

In Districts 1-6 and the Coastal District, fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller during open subsistence salmon fishing periods. This regulation applies to all Yukon River tributaries including the Koyukuk River.

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 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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