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Yukon River Subdistricts 4B and 4C Federal Public Waters Drift Gillnet Fishing Times for the Week of June 24th

Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 4B and 4C is currently on the standard schedule of two 48-hour periods each week. Subsistence fishing periods will be open from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays, and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 6:00 pm Fridays.

Federal subsistence permits allow use of drift gillnets for the subsistence harvest of Chinook salmon in the Federal public waters of Yukon River Subdistricts 4B and 4C from June 10 through July 14. These Federal public waters are within the Innoko Northern Unit (Kaiyuh Flats) and Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges. Subsistence salmon fishing with drift gillnets is only allowed for targeting Chinook (king) salmon during open subsistence salmon fishing periods in select portions of Subdistricts 4B and 4C. **State waters between Ruby and Galena are closed to the use of drift gillnets.** Drift gillnets are limited to no more than 150 feet in length and 35 meshes in depth. Mesh size may be no larger than 7.5 inches.

Those wishing to participate in this drift gillnet subsistence Chinook salmon fishery must obtain and possess a Federal permit. Permits and fishing area maps are available from the refuge office in Galena (1-800-656-1231 or 656-1231). Identification confirming rural Yukon River drainage residency is required to obtain a free permit. Depending upon interest, permit issuing agents may visit Ruby, Koyukuk, and/or Tanana.

4B/C

| Sunday June 24 | Monday June 25 | Tuesday June 26 | Wednesday June 27 | Thursday June 28 | Friday June 29 | Saturday June 30 |
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| Subsistence Closed | Regular and Federal Drift Subsistence | Regular and Fed. Drift Subsistence Fishing Open | Subsistence Closed | Regular and Federal Drift Subsistence Fishing Open | Regular and Fed. Drift Subsistence Fishing Open | Subsistence Closed |
| Fishing Open 6 p.m. | Fishing Open | Fishing Closed 6 p.m. | Fishing Open 6 p.m. | Fishing Open | Fishing Closed 6 p.m. | |

Subdistrict 4B and 4C subsistence fishing times are subject to change depending upon salmon run strength. Subsistence fishermen can anticipate a canceled fishing period to protect the passage of the first Chinook salmon pulse through District 4. Subsistence fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations or contact an Alaska Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office before subsistence fishing.

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