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**2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #40  
Summer Announcement #35, District 4 Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule**  
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Based on the assessment information to date, the Chinook salmon run is poor, and additional measures are being taken to conserve Chinook salmon for escapement. In an effort to protect Chinook salmon as they pass through this long section of river, Subdistrict 4-A has been divided into two separate areas.

**Subdistrict 4-A-Lower** (from  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Stink Creek): This area includes the mainstem Yukon River communities of Anvik and Grayling. Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistrict 4-A-Lower will begin a reduced fishing schedule on Monday, July 9. In Subdistrict 4-A-Lower subsistence salmon fishing will be open from 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 9, until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 10 and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 12, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 13. These will be 24-hour subsistence salmon fishing periods with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size. Fish wheels must be equipped with a chute and all Chinook salmon caught in fish wheels must be returned to the water alive. Fish wheels must be closely attended while in operation. The department will notify fishermen by July 13 concerning the next subsistence salmon fishing period and schedule for this lower portion of Subdistrict 4-A.

**Subdistrict 4-A-Upper** (from Stink Creek upstream to Cone Point): This area includes the mainstem Yukon River communities of Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk. Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistrict 4-A-Upper is currently closed and will remain closed until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 12. In Subdistrict 4-A-Upper subsistence salmon fishing will be open from 6:00

p.m. Thursday, July 12, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 13. This will be a 24-hour subsistence salmon fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size. Fish wheels must be equipped with a chute and all Chinook salmon caught in fish wheels must be returned to the water alive. Fish wheels must be closely attended while in operation. The department will notify fishermen by July 13 concerning the next subsistence salmon fishing period and schedule for this upper portion of Subdistrict 4-A.

**Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C** (from Cone Point to Illinois Creek): This area includes the mainstem Yukon River communities of Galena and Ruby. Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C is currently closed and will remain closed for the period that was scheduled from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 13. The department will notify fishermen by July 13 concerning the next subsistence salmon fishing period and schedule for Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C.

**Koyukuk River:** Subsistence salmon fishing continues to be open 7 days per week, 24 hours a day. Gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size.

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.

Fishermen in all of District 4 should stand by for short notice news releases regarding the subsistence salmon fishing schedule to protect the first and second pulses of Chinook salmon as they pass through these subdistricts.

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, the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 455-1845.

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