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**2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #64  
Summer Announcement #57, District 4 Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule**  
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Conservation measures in Subdistrict 4-A-Upper are being lifted now that the majority of Chinook salmon have passed out of the area. Gillnet and fish wheel restrictions are being discontinued, and Subdistrict 4-A-Upper will be aligned with management actions previously implemented in 4-A-Lower. It is no longer necessary to separate Subdistrict 4-A into two management areas.

**Subdistrict 4-A** (from  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point): This area includes the mainstem Yukon River communities of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk. Effective 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 22, subsistence salmon fishing in all of Subdistrict 4-A will be on the standard schedule of two 48-hour periods each week, and fish wheel and gillnet restrictions are being discontinued. Subsistence salmon fishing periods will be from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays, and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 6:00 pm Fridays.

In Subdistrict 4-A, fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller during open subsistence salmon fishing periods.

**Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C** (from Cone Point to Illinois Creek): This area includes the mainstem Yukon River communities of Galena and Ruby. Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C will remain on a reduced schedule for one more subsistence period before returning to the standard regulatory subsistence salmon fishing schedule. In Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C subsistence salmon fishing will

be open from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 22, until 12:00 noon Monday, July 23. This will be an 18-hour subsistence salmon fishing period.

Effective, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C will return to the standard schedule of two 48-hour periods each week. Subsistence salmon fishing periods will be from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 6:00 pm Fridays, and from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays.

In Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C, fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller during open subsistence salmon fishing periods.

**Koyukuk River:** Subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week, 24 hours a day with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve Chinook salmon. Effective 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 22, subsistence salmon fishing in the Koyukuk River will be open 7 days per week, 24 hours a day and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

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

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