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**2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #69
Summer Announcement #62, District 4 Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule**
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Conservation measures have been lifted in District 4 now that the majority of Chinook salmon have passed out of the area. Based on run timing for fall chum salmon, District 4 will be placed on the regulatory 5 day per week subsistence fishing schedule.

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. Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistrict 4-A is currently open for a 48-hour period that will close at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 24.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistrict 4-A will be open for 5 days per week from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays to 6:00 p.m. Sundays.

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. Effective, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C will be open for one 48-hour period prior to being placed on the regulatory 5 day per week subsistence fishing schedule. This 48-hour subsistence salmon fishing will be from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 27.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 29, subsistence salmon fishing will be open for 5 days per week from 6:00 p.m. Sundays to 6:00 p.m. Fridays.

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 in the Koyukuk River is 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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