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**2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #76
Summer Announcement #68, Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

Based on the assessment information to date, the Chinook salmon run is poor. Consistent with management actions taken in downriver districts, additional measures were implemented in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C in order to conserve Chinook salmon for escapement.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C (from Illinois Creek upstream to regulatory markers 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek): This area includes the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River Bridge. Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C is currently closed. Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 27, Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C will return to their normal subsistence salmon fishing schedule. The subsistence salmon fishing schedule will then consist of two 48-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m. Thursdays, and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Sundays.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistricts 5-C and 5-D from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the Dall River and from the upstream mouth of 22-Mile Slough to the US/Canada Border. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

In District 5, fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller during open subsistence salmon fishing periods.

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 are available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at (907) 459-7274 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1845.

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