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### Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Federal Public Waters Drift Gillnet Fishing Times for the Week of June 8<sup>th</sup>

Fairbanks -- **The first federal drift gillnet opening will occur on Tuesday, June 10 from 12:01 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the second drift gillnet opening will occur on Wednesday, June 11 from 6 p.m. to Friday, June 13 at 6 p.m.**

Sunday June 8	Monday June 9	Tuesday June 10	Wednesday June 11	Thursday June 12	Friday June 13	Saturday June 14
Regular Subsistence Open 6PM	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	12:01AM to 6PM both Regular and Drift are Open	Regular and Drift Subsistence Open 6PM	Regular and Drift Subsistence Fishing Open	Both Regular and Drift Subsistence Close 6PM	Subsistence Closed

Both Regular and Drift Fishing Close at 6PM

Those wishing to participate in this fishery must obtain and possess a federal subsistence permit. Permits and fishing area maps are available from the refuge office in Galena (656-1231). Depending upon interest, permit issuing agents may visit Ruby, Koyukuk, and/or Tanana. **Fishing with drift gillnets is allowed for king salmon during weekly regulatory fishing period openings for Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C from June 10 through July 14.** Drift gillnets are limited to no more than 150 feet in length and 35 meshes in depth. Mesh size is unrestricted. Future Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C fishing times are subject to change depending upon salmon run strength.

The Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) adopted a regulation in 2005 which expanded the subsistence drift gillnet king salmon fishery area on the Yukon River. Federal subsistence users may use drift gillnets for the subsistence harvest of king salmon in Federal public waters in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C. These Federal public waters are within the Innoko-Kaiyuh Flat and Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges. **State waters between Ruby and Galena are closed to the use of drift gillnets.** At the FSB meeting this winter, the allowed drift fishing time was expanded from 18-hours to align with the regulatory fishing period openings which usually are 48-hours in length. Subsistence fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations or contact a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office or Alaska Department of Fish and Game before subsistence fishing.

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