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2008 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 11
Announcement # 7, 2008 District 4 Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The subsistence salmon fishing schedule is currently in effect in District 4. The schedule will continue until inseason assessment projects indicate that the run is of sufficient strength to warrant relaxing the schedule.

Subdistrict 4-A: The subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Subdistrict 4-A continues with two 48-hour periods each week 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 addition, by regulation, fishermen in Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point) may use drift gillnets to take **king salmon** on the mainstem of the Yukon River from **June 10 through July 14** during the two 48-hour weekly subsistence salmon periods.

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C: The salmon subsistence fishing schedule in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C continues with two 48-hour periods each week from 6:00 pm Sundays until 6:00 pm Tuesdays and from 6:00 pm Wednesdays until 6:00 pm Fridays. **Note: State regulations do not allow the use of drift gillnets in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C.** Federal regulations does allow the use of drift gillnets in portions of Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C classified as Federal waters. Subsistence salmon fishers should consult both State and Federal regulations before subsistence fishing. Subsistence fishers in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C wishing to utilize drift gillnet gear in these subdistricts should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (907) 656-1231 or (907) 949-1798 for the fishing schedule, permit requirements, and gear restrictions.

Koyukuk River: Subsistence salmon fishing remains open 7 days a week 24 hours a day.

All subsistence fishing for salmon must be stopped during subsistence salmon fishing closures. Subsistence fishing for non-salmon species, such as whitefish, sheefish, and pike, remains open 7 days per week throughout the drainage. Gillnets used for harvesting non-salmon species during

salmon fishing closures are restricted to a maximum mesh size of 4-inches. During closed subsistence salmon fishing periods fish wheels may not be operated.

For a recording of the current fishing schedule for your area call 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at (907) 459-7274 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office at (907) 455-1849 or (907) 949-1798.

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