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### **Chinook Salmon Closure Announced for Unalakleet Wild River**

Kotzebue, AK...The Federal Subsistence Board announced today that the Federal waters of the Unalakleet River will be closed to the taking of Chinook salmon and that beach seines will be the only legal means of harvesting salmon there through the remainder of July. This Special Action becomes effective on Saturday, July 5 at 8:00 p.m. This action parallels actions announced by the State.

The Unalakleet test fishing program, reported subsistence catches, and the North River Tower counts indicate a very weak run of Chinook salmon and that the escapement goal ranges may not be met. A closure for Chinook salmon fishing is necessary if there is to be any chance of reaching the escapement goal at North River Tower and getting sufficient numbers of Chinook salmon on the spawning grounds. Subsistence fishers are required to release all Chinook salmon taken in beach seines. Should the Chinook salmon return unexpectedly rebound, this restriction will be lifted prior to its August 1 expiration date.

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