



Daily Update

Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge Kuskokwim River Federal Subsistence Fisheries

This Update provides current information regarding this year's salmon run, fishing regulations, and message from our law enforcement.

June 16, 2016

Current Regulations

There is a 24-hour harvest opportunity for Federally qualified subsistence users along the main stem of the Kuskokwim River from Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 12:01 pm (noon) until Friday, June 17, 2016 at 11:59 am (noon). Drift and set gillnets will be allowed on the Kuskokwim River main stem below Aniak. Gillnets must be 6-inch stretched mesh or less and no more than 45 meshes in depth. All fish caught with approved nets during this opening are legal. Nets above the Kuskokwim mouth to the Johnson River can be no more than 300 feet (50 fathoms) long. Nets above Johnson River to Aniak can be no more than 150 feet (25 fathoms) long. Gillnets continue to be prohibited on salmon spawning tributaries including the Eek, Kwethluk, Kasigluk, Kisaralik, Tuluksak and Aniak rivers. There are no gillnet restrictions for areas more than 100 yards upstream from the mouth of non-Salmon spawning tributaries and these waters are not included in this closure. Users are required to mark net buoys with their first initial, last name, and address. A dedicated message with current federal regulations can be reached at 907-543-1037. Contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for additional information on federal fishing regulations.

Biological Update

Chinook salmon have steadily been caught at the Bethel Test Fishery since June 1, but we are still uncertain about the timing and strength of the run at this point. Chinook continue to be the most prevalent salmon species throughout the Kuskokwim River at this point, as indicated by the ratio of Chum and Sockeye-to-Chinook (0.7). Please report your harvest to your KRITFC commissioner to ensure that salmon harvest needs are met now and in the future.

Message from Law Enforcement

Kids participated in the Wildlife Officer Camp at Eek on June 14. This is the 14th camp held this year in villages on the Kuskokwim River. Fish and Wildlife Officers also patrolled the Kuskokwim River. No complaints were reported and the local residents were excited about the opportunity to fish soon. Don't forget to mark net buoys with your first initial, last name, and address to comply with regulations.

Questions? Call the Refuge at (907) 543-3151 or at (800) 621-5804.



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