



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 17, 2016

Current Regulations

The 24-hour harvest opportunity for Federally qualified subsistence users along the main stem of the Kuskokwim River **finished today, Friday, June 17, 2016 at 11:59 am (noon)**. Gillnets continue to be prohibited on salmon spawning tributaries including the Eek, Kwethluk, Kasigluk, Kisarialik, 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. Future harvest opportunities will be advertised on the Daily Update, Facebook, and our website. 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

Our biologists are working hard to analyze catch information from the harvest opportunity that concluded today and in the coming days we'll know more details about how many fish were harvested within the Refuge. 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 (0.67) seen at the Bethel Test Fishery.

Message from Law Enforcement

A harvest opportunity began at noon on yesterday and people were very compliant. We want to remind you that you can check our Website, Facebook, Daily Update, or call us (see our phone number below) to confirm fishing regulations in the event of any future harvest opportunities.

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



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