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**Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery Announcement #5  
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This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in Bethel for subsistence fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

**Subsistence fishing will be allowed within the mainstem Kuskokwim River from the Yukon Delta Refuge boundary at the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to the headwaters with 4-inch or less mesh size set gillnets from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2017. Gillnets may not exceed 60 feet in length or 45 meshes in depth and may not be operated more than 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark. Chinook salmon incidentally harvested in gillnets during this opportunity may be retained.**

As previously announced subsistence fishing with hook and line, fish wheels equipped with live boxes or chutes, beach seines, and dip nets is currently allowed until further notice. Any Chinook salmon caught with these gear types must be returned immediately to the water alive.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel Fish and Game office, on the State of Alaska web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies.

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