

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
NEWS RELEASE**



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**2017 Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery News Release #6
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This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for subsistence fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

Federal Special Action

Management of subsistence fishery from the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to the Yukon Delta NWR boundary at Aniak (defined as the Federal Conservation Unit) will be under authority of the Federal Inseason Manager beginning June 12. For information regarding subsistence fishing within this area please contact Ken Stahlnecker at 907-543-3151.

From the Yukon Delta NWR boundary at Aniak up to the Holitna River mouth: Section 4

Subsistence fishing with 6-inch or less mesh gillnets, not to exceed 25 fathoms in length, will be allowed for 24 hours from 12:00 p.m. noon, Monday, June 12 until 12:00 p.m. noon, Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Additional opportunity will be announced contingent on Chinook salmon run strength indicators.

As previously announced, subsistence fishing with gillnets remains closed in the Aniak River.

From the Holitna River mouth to the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River: Section 5

Subsistence fishing with 6-inch or less mesh gillnets will be allowed from 12:00 p.m. noon, Monday, June 12 until further notice.

Additional subsistence fishing gear for both sections 4 and 5:

Chinook salmon may be retained if caught with fish wheels, beach seines, and hook and line until further notice.

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. For additional information or questions regarding Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in the Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 1-855-933-2433.

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