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## Subsistence Fishing Opportunities for Kuskokwim River Mainstem

Pursuant to authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge Manager, as In-Season Manager, hereby announces additional fishing opportunities for Federally qualified subsistence users:

- (1) **Kalskag Line Opener:** Downstream of Kalskag, at the south edge of Uknavig Slough, then due east to the edge of the Kalskag bluff line and upstream to the downstream boundary of the Aniak Box (as described in FSA-YD-23-01). This portion is open to the use of gillnets, by Federally qualified subsistence users beginning **June 20, 2023 at 12 pm, until further notice**. Subsistence users are allowed to use gillnets with 6-inch or less mesh which may not exceed 45 meshes in depth; 25 fathoms (150 feet) in length. All salmon may be retained in this section of the river.
- (2) **Lower Kuskokwim Fishing Opportunity for Federally Qualified Subsistence Users:** In the Kuskokwim River main stem, from the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to the Refuge boundary at the edge of Uknavig Slough and due east to the Kalskag Bluff line, drift and set gillnets will be allowed effective **June 23, 2023 from 07:00 am through 07:00 pm** for Federally qualified subsistence users. Gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or less mesh and may not exceed 45 meshes in depth and 50 fathoms (300-feet) in aggregate (total set and drift gillnet) length below the Johnson River and 25 fathoms (150 feet) in aggregate (total set and drift gillnet) length above the Johnson River. Federally qualified subsistence users may retain all salmon during this opportunity. The salmon bearing tributaries listed in FSA-YD-23-01 will remain closed to all gillnets for all salmon and all methods and means for Chinook, Chum, and Coho salmon to all users during this gillnet period. When this harvest opportunity expires, Federal public waters of the Kuskokwim River, downstream of Kalskag Bluffs and to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River will return to closed to the use of gillnets by all users for the protection of Chinook, Chum and Coho Salmon.

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