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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 (YDNWR) Manager, as In-Season Manager, hereby announces additional fishing opportunities for Federally qualified subsistence users:

- **June 30, 2023 starting at 9:00 am through July 1, 2023 at 9:00 am (24 hours total)**

Set gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or less mesh, may not exceed 75 feet in length and 45 meshes in depth. Set gillnets may not be operated more than 100 feet from the ordinary high-water mark, (the bank/shoreline where vegetation is growing), must be attached to the bank, and substantially fished perpendicular to shore.

The intent of this opportunity is to allow Federally qualified subsistence users to target abundant sockeye salmon populations while conserving Chinook and chum salmon stocks. This is in keeping with Title VIII of ANILCA's rural subsistence priority; YDNWR and the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's (KRITFC) joint [Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Strategy](#); and YDNWR and KRITFC's review of in-season Chinook, chum, and sockeye salmon assessment data to-date, including data from Indigenous Knowledge and observations, subsistence harvest reports, Bethel sonar, and Bethel and Aniak Test Fisheries.

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