



# Federal Subsistence Board News Release



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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 within the Federal waters of the YDNWR on the Kuskokwim River (all other restrictions, not specially modified or amended in Temporary Special Action- FSA-YD-23-01 remain in effect):

- **July 17, 2023 starting at 10:00 am through 10:00 pm (12 hours total)**
- **July 19, 2023 starting at 10:00 am through 10:00 pm (12 hours total)**
- **July 21, 2023 starting at 10:00 am through 10:00 pm (12 hours total)**

**Additional set net opportunities with restricted time limits are on:**

- **July 24, 2023 starting at 10:00 am through 4:00 pm (6 hours total)**
- **July 26, 2023 starting at 10:00 am through 4:00 pm (6 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.

Information about the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found on the web at [www.doi.gov/subsistence](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence) or by visiting [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](https://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

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