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Closing of Kuskokwim River Tributaries to Gill Nets in Federal public waters

In consultation with the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (KRITFC) and the State of Alaska, the Federal In-season Manager has closed the salmon spawning tributaries of Federal public waters, within the Refuge boundary to gill net fishing. The salmon spawning tributaries include the Eek, Kwethluk, Kasigluk, Kisaralik, Tuluksak, and Aniak rivers and their salmon tributaries. The closure is in effect from June 12, 2016 at 12:01 p.m. (noon) until August 11, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. (noon) unless superseded by another federal special action.

This closure is based on the need to conserve Chinook salmon, which continue to return in low numbers.

On June 1, the Federal Subsistence Board closed Federal public waters of the Kuskokwim River drainage to the harvest of Chinook and Chum salmon except by Federally qualified subsistence users identified in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Section 804 Subsistence User Prioritization analysis. Federally qualified subsistence users will include residents of the Kuskokwim River drainage and the villages of Chefnak, Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, and Kongiganek.

Fisheries management below the Refuge boundary at the Kuskokwim River mouth and above the Refuge boundary on the Kuskokwim River at Aniak is under the authority of the State in-season manager. For more information regarding subsistence fishing in these areas, please contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at 907-543-2433.

This restriction has been implemented by Federal Emergency Special Action (**3-KS-03-16**) under the delegated authority of the Federal Subsistence Board.

Access up-to-date information on fishing opportunities by calling 907-543-1037 or visit the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge [Facebook](#) page or [website](#). **Questions?** call the Refuge at (907) 543-3151 or at (800) 621-5804.

Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found on the web at www.doi.gov/subsistence or by visiting www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

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