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**Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery Announcement #3
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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.

Subsistence fishing will be allowed on the Kuskokwim River mainstem within the Yukon Delta Refuge boundaries with 4-inch or less mesh size set gillnets from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2017. Gillnets may not to exceed 60 feet in length or 45 meshes in depth and may not be operated more than 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark.

As previously announced subsistence fishing with hook and line, fish wheels equipped with live boxes or chutes, beach seines, and dip nets is currently allowed until further notice though any Chinook salmon caught with these gear types must be returned immediately to the water alive.

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.

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