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Federal Closure to the Harvest of Chinook Salmon in Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge Waters Rescinded

In consultation with the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Federal In-season Manager is rescinding previously issued special actions concerning the harvest of Chinook Salmon within Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge waters. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game will manage fishing openings, closings, and fishing methods.

The ratio of Chum and Sockeye Salmon to Chinook Salmon at the Bethel Test Fishery has averaged 29:1 over the past ten days, demonstrating that the salmon fishery has transitioned from a Chinook Salmon fishery to a Chum and Sockeye Salmon fishery and subsequent subsistence fishing opportunity will not greatly diminish the final number of Chinook Salmon escaping to spawning grounds. This action follows the conservation strategy discussed with the Kuskokwim River Inter-tribal Fish Commission and Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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