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Kuskokwim River Mainstem Fishing Opportunities

Pursuant to authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge Manager, as In-Season Manager, hereby announces additional fishing opportunities for **Federally qualified subsistence users only**:

Lower Kuskokwim Fishing Opportunity: In the Kuskokwim River main stem, from the Refuge boundary at the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to the Kalskag Line (see maps), **set gillnets** will be allowed effective:

• July 7, 2025 from 7:00 am to July 8, 2025 7:00 pm (36 hours).

Set gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or less mesh, may not exceed 45 meshes in depth, and 75 feet in length. All species of salmon may be retained during this opportunity. The salmon bearing tributaries and the Aniak Box listed in FSA-YD-25- 01 will remain closed to all gillnets. When this harvest opportunity expires, Federal public waters of the Kuskokwim River, downstream of the Kalskag Line and to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River will return to closed to the use of gillnets by all users for the protection of Chinook, Chum and Coho Salmon.

This opportunity is in addition to the previous announcement (released June 25, 2025), where a <u>set gillnet</u> opportunity is still scheduled for July 2, 2025 from 7:00 am to July 3, 2025 7:00 pm.

Fishing with <u>set or drift gill nets</u> above the Kalskag Line; and fishing with <u>rod and reel</u> within the Aniak Box remains open until further notice (details stated in the 2025 Second Announcement released June 18, 2025).

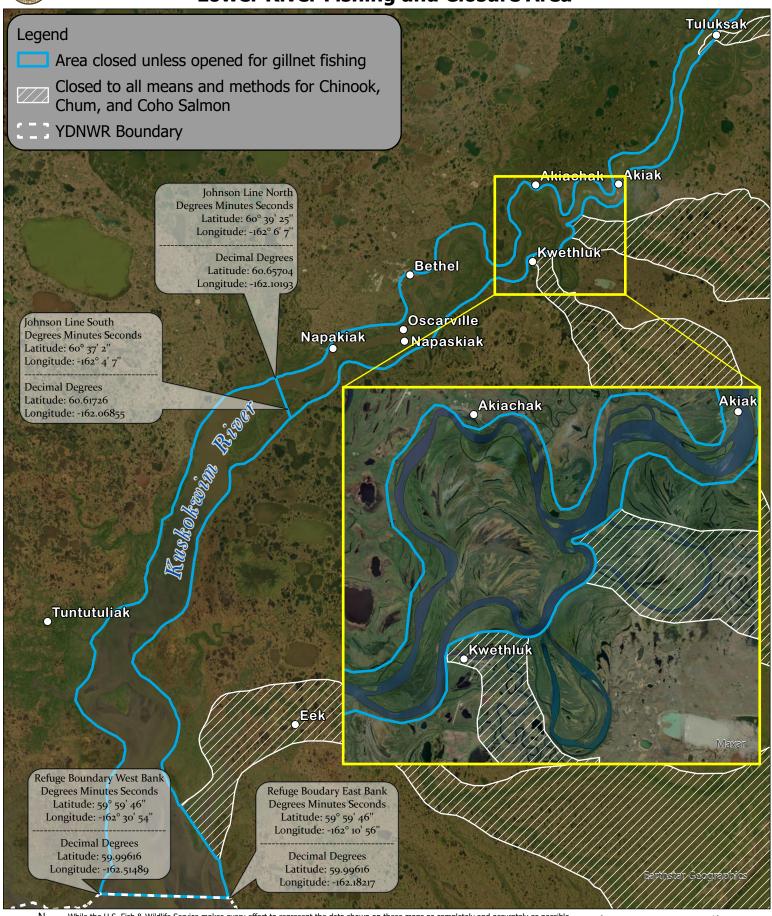
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Lower River Fishing and Closure Area

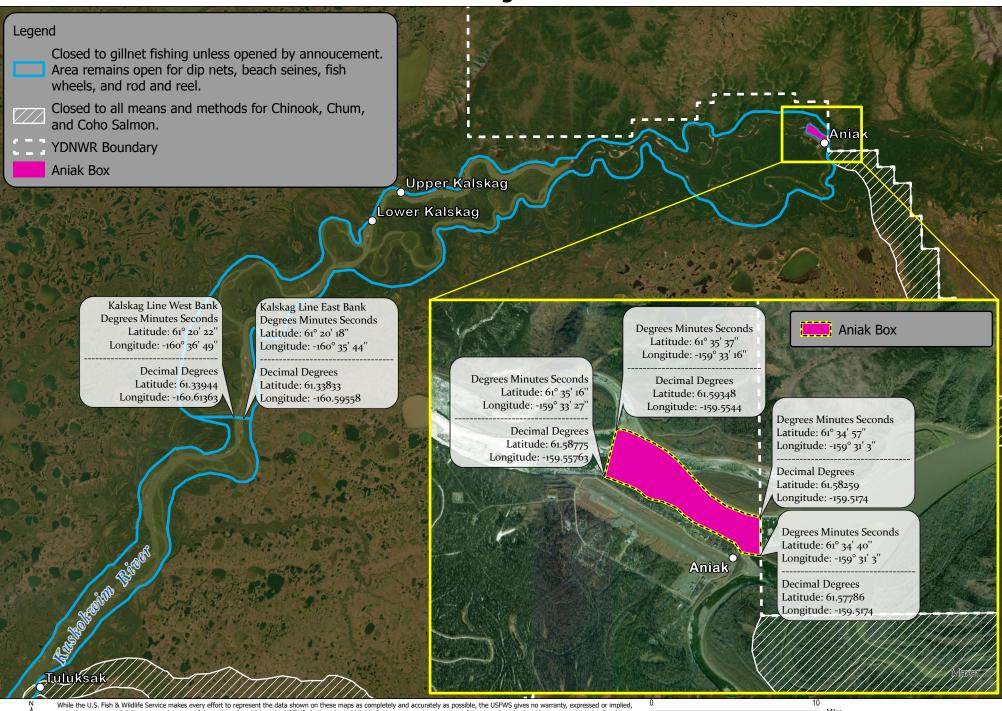




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Middle River Fishing and Closure Area



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