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Nicolas Petit wins the First Musher to the Yukon Award

Wasilla, Alaska – Veteran musher Nicolas Petit (bib #17), of Big Lake, Alaska is the first musher to arrive at the Ruby checkpoint on the Yukon River on Thursday, March 7 at 10:08 p.m. with 15 dogs in harness. In doing so, Petit claims the First Musher to the Yukon Award. The award consists of a gourmet dinner prepared by Top Chefs from Locally Grown Restaurants, which owns the popular Anchorage eateries Spenard Roadhouse, Snow City Cafe, Crush Wine Bistro and South Restaurant and Coffeehouse.

The menu consisted of a seared scallop appetizer with a butternut squash purée and crispy prosciutto, arugula salad with a champagne vinaigrette, Italian sausage soup, a ribeye steak topped with gorgonzola truffle butter, paired with smashed rosemary and parmesan fingerling potatoes and a strawberry crème brûlée with white chocolate and fresh berries for dessert. Petit thoroughly enjoyed his meal, which he shared with Ruby resident and long-time Iditarod volunteer, Nate Titus.

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