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2023 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #11 Yukon Area Subsistence Fishing Schedule

The 2023 Yukon River fall chum and coho salmon run sizes are poor. The fall chum salmon run is unlikely to meet the drainagewide escapement goal, tributary escapement goals, and Canadian treaty objectives. The coho salmon run is projected to be less than 55,000 fish, which is well below the average run size of 222,000 fish. With the coho salmon run projecting to be the second lowest on record, subsistence fishing for coho salmon will close.

Subsistence Management Actions

Yukon Area Districts:

Chum salmon fishing is closed. Dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels (excluding Subdistrict 5-D), and hook and line gear (excluding District 6) may be used for nonsalmon and pink, sockeye, and coho salmon. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

Effective 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, September 2, subsistence fishing for coho salmon will close. Nonsalmon fishing with gillnets will remain unchanged. Dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, and hook and line gear may be used for nonsalmon, pink salmon, and sockeye salmon in all districts except in District 6, where hook and line will remain closed for all species. Chum, coho, and Chinook salmon must be released alive.

Federal Special Action

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have coordinated on this advisory announcement. The USFWS Federal Inseason Manager has rescinded all Federal Special actions in Districts 1–6, effective 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, September 2. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the USFWS. Federal Special Actions will be posted on <u>www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions</u> and shared on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska</u>. ADF&G Advisory Announcements and fish counts can be obtained by visiting <u>www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG</u> or <u>www.adfg.alaska.gov/yukonfishcounts</u>. To receive advisory announcements by email, sign up at www.cfnews.adfg.alaska.gov.



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