



Advisory Announcement

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2024 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #8 Coastal District, Districts 1 and 2 closure of 4-inch mesh gillnets

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Due to the low run of Chinook salmon, there are unlikely to be any escapement goals met in Alaska or Canada. To protect Chinook salmon as they migrate upriver, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets are being closed during two weeks of the run. This closure coincides with the bulk of the Chinook salmon run.

During this closure, nonlethal or selective gear types for nonsalmon may still be used, including hook and line, fyke net, spear, hand line, lead, longline, spear, dip net, and beach seine. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

When the summer chum salmon run is projected to exceed the drainagewide escapement goal of 500,000 fish we anticipate opening fishing for summer chum salmon with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels).

Subsistence Management Actions

Coastal District and District 1 (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to Point Romanof which includes the Black River and the communities of Chevak, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

Chinook and chum salmon fishing is closed. Fishing for nonsalmon is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types.

Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 19 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this two-week period, but it is limited to non-lethal or selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

District 2 (including Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, and Marshall):

Chinook and chum salmon fishing is closed. Fishing for nonsalmon is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types.

Effective 8 p.m. Friday, June 21 until 8 p.m. Friday, July 5, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this two-week period, but it is limited to non-lethal or selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand

line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and chum 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 issued a separate Federal special action FSA 2-KS-05-24 with the same fishing schedule for Federal public waters of the Yukon Area. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



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