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2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #38

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Current cumulative counts of Chinook salmon at the Eagle sonar indicate the lower end of the spawning escapement objective in Canada (42,500-55,000) may not be met. Therefore, it is imperative that all Chinook salmon moving through District 5 escape to the spawning grounds. Fishermen can expect salmon fishing to open when fall chum are present in the area. Based on average swim speeds, the early fall chum are not expected in Tanana until approximately August 11, and the first pulse should arrive around August 16.

To allow for the harvest of nonsalmon species, which is particularly important for dog food, the opportunity to use 4-inch or smaller mesh gear is being reinstated in Subdistrict 5-ABC. Fishermen should set this gear in areas where Chinook salmon are unlikely to be harvested.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (Tanana and Rampart):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed and will remain closed until further notice.

Effective 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to fish for nonsalmon species 24-hours per day, 7 days per week.



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Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, Subsistence fishing is Essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Subsistence fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.