



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #7 Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2020 fall chum salmon preseason projection is for a run size of less than 450,000 fish. This level of abundance is not likely to meet escapement goals and treaty objectives. The 2016 parent year that produced this year's age-four age class has shown exceptionally poor survival in all chum salmon runs in all western Alaska. Without the age-four fish that typically dominate a fall chum salmon run, the overall return is expected to be much lower than forecasted. Consequently, a subsistence fishing period is being cancelled to limit the harvest of fall chum salmon to allow more fish to reach their spawning areas.

Subsistence Management Actions

Districts 1-3 (Black River, and communities of Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, Kotlik, Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, Marshall, Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

Fishing is open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a schedule of two 18-hour periods per week from:

2:00 p.m. Saturdays to 8:00 a.m. Sundays

2:00 p.m. Wednesdays to 8:00 a.m. Thursdays

The period from 2 p.m. Saturday, August 8 to 8 a.m. Sunday August 9 is cancelled. Fishing will resume at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 12 on the previously announced schedule, however fishermen should standby for announcements regarding future cancelled periods.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon species. Fish wheels may not be operated during the closures.

Innoko River:

Subsistence fishing will remain on the current schedule of seven days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial and subsistence fishing is essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. 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/>.



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