



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #4 Coastal District and 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, the subsistence fishing schedule is being reduced to half periods to limit the harvest of fall chum salmon and to allow more fall chum salmon to reach their spawning areas.

Subsistence Management Actions:

Coastal District (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to 1 nautical mile south of the Black River, which includes Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay)

Subsistence salmon fishing is open seven days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

District 1

Subsistence salmon fishing schedule is open with the use of 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, subsistence salmon fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 1, on a reduced fishing 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

Districts 2 and 3

Subsistence salmon fishing will open 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, with the use of 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 8:00 a.m. Friday, July 31, subsistence salmon fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 1, on a reduced fishing 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

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.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon species.

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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