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Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #8

Districts 1 and 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The first pulse of Chinook salmon is late, and the run size may be towards the lower end of the forecast. Therefore, in order to protect the first pulse, the next subsistence period is being cancelled. The chum run also appears to be late, as we haven't seen large numbers enter the river. Closing the subsistence fishing period should allow more Chinook and chum salmon that enter the lower river to make it to the spawning grounds, while we assess the strength of both runs.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 1 (including the Black River, and communities of Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

The period from Friday, June 19, 2 p.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday June 20 is cancelled.

Fishermen should stand by for a future announcement regarding the next period which would start Tuesday June 23.

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

Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

The period from Saturday, June 20th, 2 p.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday June 21 is cancelled.

Fishermen should stand by for a future announcement regarding the next period which would start Wednesday June 24.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used. Dip nets may be used to fish for non-salmon species, but salmon may not be kept from dipnets. Fish wheels may not be operated during closures.



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COVID-19

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