

Division of Commercial Fisheries
Sam Rabung, Director

Headquarters Office
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
www.adfg.alaska.gov

Advisory Announcement

Released: July 22, 2022

CONTACT:

Christy Gleason, Area Management Biologist
Shane Ransbury, Asst. Area Management Biologist
(907) 949-1320 (Emmonak)
Toll free fishing schedule and counts: (866) 479-7387

2022 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #2 **District 4 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2022 fall chum salmon run size is anticipated to be critically low. The fall chum salmon preseason projection, based on the relationship between summer chum salmon and fall chum salmon run sizes, is for a run size less than 300,000 fish. According to the Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan, the preseason projection does not meet the threshold of 300,000 fish needed to allow subsistence fishing. In addition, the current run projection is unlikely to meet the drainagewide escapement goal of 300,000–600,000 fall chum salmon, tributary escapement goals and Canadian treaty objectives. Therefore, subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon will be closed to begin the fall season.

The opportunity to harvest nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is available during salmon closures; however, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets are restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered. Manned fish wheels are an additional gear being provided, but all chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. Pink, sockeye, and coho salmon may be retained from legal gear. If you are fishing in federal waters for coho salmon, please see the message at the end of this announcement.

Yukon Area advisory announcements and fish counts can be obtained by visiting www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG or www.adfg.alaska.gov/yukonfishcounts. To receive advisory announcements by email, sign up at www.cfnews.adfg.alaska.gov.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 4 and the Koyukuk River (including Grayling, Anvik, Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk, Galena, Ruby, Huslia, Hughes, Alatna, Allakaket, and Bettles):

The transition to fall season management begins 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 28. **Chum and Chinook salmon fishing will remain closed.** Manned fish wheels, dip nets, and hook and line gear may be used for nonsalmon and pink, sockeye, and coho salmon. However, Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive, and hook and line with a rod or pole may only be used for subsistence fishing for nonsalmon in this district up to and including the Nulato River drainage. While using manned fish wheels, chum and Chinook salmon may not enter a livebox.

As a reminder, gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60 feet or shorter length.

A subsistence fishing permit is required for all species in the South and Middle forks of the Koyukuk River above Bettles including the community of Wiseman. By regulation, fishing with gillnets in the permit area is not allowed for all species from July 1 to August 19. If you are outside the permit area, contact the Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274 for a subsistence harvest calendar.

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 concurrently issued an Emergency Special Action 2-FC-02-22 on July 22, 2022, to close Federal public waters to the harvest of fall chum in District 4 (for the same effective dates as this announcement) beginning July 28. Fishermen must be Federally qualified subsistence users to harvest coho salmon in Federal public waters. For information regarding Federal subsistence fishing regulations contact Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the USFWS.



Federal Special Actions will be posted on www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions and shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

ADF&G Advisory Announcements will be posted on www.cfnews.adfg.alaska.gov/ and shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG.

ADF&G subsistence fishing permits are available at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store

-end-