



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2022 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #4 Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C 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. 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.

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### Subsistence Management Actions

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

The transition to fall season management begins 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 5. **Chum and Chinook salmon fishing will remain closed.** Manned fish wheels and dip nets may be used for nonsalmon and coho salmon. However, chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive. 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. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include handline, longline, fyke net, dip net, and spear.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species in Subdistrict 5-C from the westernmost tip of Garnet Island upstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located two miles downstream of Waldron Creek (Dalton Highway bridge area). 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-03-22 on July 29, 2022, to close Federal public waters to the harvest of fall chum in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (for the same effective dates as this announcement) beginning August 5. 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.

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ADF&G subsistence fishing permits are available at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/store](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/store)



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