



Advisory Announcement

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2024 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #14 District 4 and Koyukuk River closure of 4-inch mesh gillnets

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Due to the low run of Chinook salmon, there are unlikely to be any escapement goals met in Alaska or Canada. To protect Chinook salmon as they migrate upriver, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets are being closed during two weeks of the run. This closure coincides with the bulk of the Chinook salmon run.

During this closure, selective gear types for nonsalmon may still be used, including hook and line, fyke net, spear, hand line, lead, longline, spear, dip net, and beach seine. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

When the summer chum salmon run is projected to exceed the drainagewide escapement goal of 500,000 fish we anticipate opening fishing for summer chum salmon with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels).

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistrict 4-A Lower (from $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile downstream from Old Paradise Village upstream to Stink Creek, including Grayling and Anvik):

Fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types.

Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this two-week period, but it is limited to selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

Subdistrict 4-A Upper (from Stink Creek upstream to the tip of Cone Point, including Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk):

Fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types.

Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, June 30 until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 14, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this two-week period, but it is limited to selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

Koyukuk River (including Huslia, Hughes, Allakaket, Alatna, Bettles, Wiseman, and Coldfoot):

Fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types.

Effective 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 2 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this two-week period, but it is limited to selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

A subsistence fishing permit is required for all species in the Koyukuk River above Bettles including the community of Wiseman. Gillnet gear in the permit area may only be used from August 20 to June 30 and must be 3½ inches or smaller mesh size.

Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C (including Galena and Ruby):

Fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types.

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Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this two-week period, but it is limited to selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

As a general reminder, gillnets must be marked with a buoy, float, or keg that has the fisherman's first initial, last name, and address. In District 4 and the Koyukuk River, submerged gillnets may be used for subsistence fishing during ice-free months, however submerged nets must have a visible buoy or cluster of floats attached to both ends of the net, plus a third float in the middle if the net is over 60 feet in length.

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 issued a separate Federal special action FSA 2-KS-10-24 with the same fishing schedule that restricts fishing to federally qualified subsistence users in waters adjacent to Federal Land. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



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