



Advisory Announcement

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2024 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #15 Coastal District, Districts 1-3, and Innoko River selective gear openings Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

As of June 20, over 60,000 summer chum salmon have passed Pilot Station. The current inseason run size projection is 906,000 fish with an 80% confidence interval between 521,000 to 1,400,000 fish. The run is likely to exceed the lower end of the drainagewide escapement goal (500,000 to 1.2 million summer chum) and provide for a surplus for subsistence harvest.

Due to the very poor run of Chinook salmon, conservative management actions will remain in place to reduce any incidental harvest of Chinook salmon. For a two-week period in each district all gillnets must be removed from the water. This closure coincides with the bulk of the Chinook salmon run.

To allow for the subsistence harvest of summer chum salmon, fishing will open with selective gear types. Summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon and nonsalmon may be retained from dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, and hook and line gear. Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. Fishermen are reminded to practice respectful and safe fish handling techniques and ensure any Chinook salmon caught in selective or nonsalmon gear types are released alive so they may continue upriver to their spawning grounds. If it appears that Chinook salmon are being targeted while fishing for summer chum with selective gear types, fishing will be further restricted.

Other nonsalmon gear types remain open, including hook and line, fyke net, spear, hand line, lead, longline, spear, dip net, and beach seine. Chinook salmon must be released alive from all nonsalmon and selective gear types.

Subsistence Management Actions

Coastal District and District 1 (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to Point Romanof which includes the Black River and the communities of Chevak, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

Effective 2 p.m. Saturday June 22, fishing with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, hook and line gear) will open for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

As announced previously, all gillnets, including 4-inch or smaller mesh, must be removed from the water until 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 3.

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

Effective 2 p.m. Saturday June 22, fishing with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, hook and line gear) will open for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

As announced previously, all gillnets, including 4-inch or smaller mesh, must be removed from the water for a two-week period from 8 p.m. Friday, June 21 until 8 p.m. Friday, July 5.

District 3 (including Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

Effective 2 p.m. Wednesday June 26, fishing with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, hook and line gear) will open for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

As announced previously, all gillnets, including 4-inch or smaller mesh, must be removed from the water for a two-week period from 8 p.m. Monday, June 24 until 8 p.m. Monday, July 8.

Innoko River (including Shageluk):

Effective 2 p.m. Friday June 28, fishing with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, hook and line gear) will open for summer chum, pink and sockeye salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

As announced previously, all gillnets, including 4-inch or smaller mesh, must be removed from the water for a two-week period from 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 10.

As a reminder, fishing for nonsalmon is open with hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Chinook salmon must be released alive. Pink salmon, sockeye salmon and chum salmon may be retained. When using manned fish wheels: **Chinook salmon may not enter a live box and must be immediately returned to the water using a chute, slide, tote or other fish friendly means.**

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-11-24 with the same fishing schedule for Federal public waters of the Yukon Area. These selective gear opportunities to harvest summer chum salmon are limited to federally-qualified users in Federal public waters. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



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