



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2024 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #17 District 4 and Koyukuk River selective gear openings

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

As of June 25, over 157,000 summer chum salmon have passed Pilot Station. Current projections indicate 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 subsistence harvests.

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

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

As previously announced, all gillnets 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.

**Effective 2 p.m. Sunday, June 30, 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. Selective gear types may be used 24 hours per day, seven days per week until further notice. All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately.**

**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 set gillnets 60 feet or less in length and other nonsalmon gear types.

As previously announced, all gillnets must be removed from the water for a two-week period from 8 p.m. Sunday, June 30 until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 14.

**Effective 2 p.m. Friday, July 5, 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. Selective gear types may be used 24 hours per day, seven days per week until further notice. All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately.**

**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 set gillnets 60 feet or less in length and other nonsalmon gear types.

As previously announced, all gillnets must be removed from the water for a two-week period from 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 2 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 16.

**Effective 2 p.m. Monday, July 8, 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. Selective gear types may be used 24 hours per day, seven days per week until further notice. All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately.**

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 set gillnets 60 feet or less in length and other nonsalmon gear types.

As previously announced, all gillnets must be removed from the water for a two-week period from 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 2 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 16.

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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-12-24 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.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G and the USFWS. Federal Special Actions will be posted on [www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions).

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