



Advisory Announcement

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2024 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #18

District 5 two-week closure of all 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, nonsalmon gear types 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.

Subsistence Management Actions

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

As previously announced, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-foot or less in length and must be operated as a set net. Nets should be set near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Friday, July 5 until 8 p.m. Friday, July 19, all gillnets must be removed from the water for a two-week period.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species in Subdistrict 5-C from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the ADF&G regulatory marker 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.

Subdistrict 5-D Lower (from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Hadweenzic River and all other adjacent tributaries, including the communities of Stevens Village and Beaver):

As previously announced, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-foot or less in length and must be operated as a set net. Nets should be set near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 9 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, all gillnets must be removed from water for a two-week period.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-D Lower from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the mouth of Dall River.

Subdistrict 5-D Middle (from the Hadweenzic River upstream to 22 Mile Slough, including the Porcupine River, all other adjacent tributaries, and the communities of Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Birch Creek and Fort Yukon):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

As previously announced, effective 8 p.m. Sunday, June 30, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net. Nets should be set near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Friday, July 12 until 8 p.m. Friday, July 26, all gillnets must be removed from the water for a two-week period.

Subdistrict 5-D Upper (from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border, including all adjacent tributaries and the communities of Circle and Eagle):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

As previously announced, effective 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net. Nets should be set near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, July 14 until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 28, all gillnets must be removed from the water for a two-week period.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border.

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 5, submerged gillnets may be used for subsistence fishing during ice-free months, however **submerged nets must have a visible float attached to both ends of the net**, plus a third in the middle if the net is over 60 feet in length.

Gear types remaining open for nonsalmon species include 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.

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-13-24 with the same fishing schedule for Federal public waters of the Yukon Area. 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.

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