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# **Advisory Announcement**

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# 2024 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #7 Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Subdistrict 5-D is starting to transition to fall season management. The fall chum salmon run size is projected to be below the drainagewide escapement goal based on current inseason assessment. The Canadian component of the fall chum and Chinook salmon runs are not anticipated to meet Border objectives, therefore continued closures are warranted for both species.

### **Subsistence Management Actions:**

**Subdistricts 5-D Lower and 5-D Middle** (from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to 22 Mile Slough, including the Porcupine River, all other adjacent tributaries, and the communities between Stevens Village and Fort Yukon):

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed.

Effective 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, subsistence fishing will open for nonsalmon and coho salmon with dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, and hook and line gear. Chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately.

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. If you are outside the permit area, contact the Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274 for a subsistence harvest calendar.

**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 salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed.

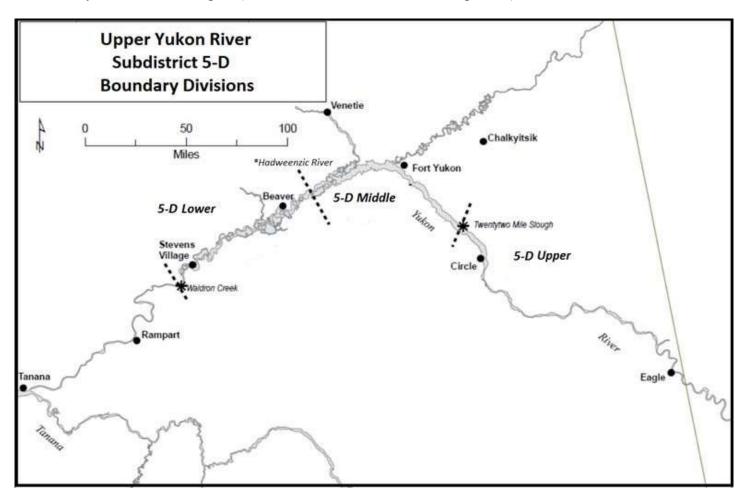
Effective 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 24, subsistence fishing will open for nonsalmon and coho salmon with dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, and hook and line gear. Chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species.

#### Nonsalmon

The opportunity to harvest nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets of 60 feet or shorter length is allowed. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be

encountered. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include hook and line with a rod or pole, hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, beach seine, and spear. Manned fish wheels are allowed to target non-salmon and coho salmon, effective on the dates above. If closures are in place for a salmon species, they must be released alive immediately from nonsalmon gear (other than 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets).



#### **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-FC-04-24 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 in cooperation with the USFWS.

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