



Advisory Announcement

Released: August 22, 2024

CONTACT:

Christy Gleason, Area Management Biologist
Matt Olson, Asst. Area Management Biologist
907-949-1320 (Emmonak)
907-459-7274 (Fairbanks)

Toll free fishing schedule and counts: 1-866-479-7387

2024 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #11 Coastal District and Districts 1-4 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Yukon Area

The 2024 Yukon River fall chum and coho salmon runs are projected to be one of the lowest on record (1974–2023). The fall chum salmon run is projected to be 150,000-200,000 fish compared to a historical run size of 900,000 fish. The coho salmon run size is projected to be 28,000-44,000 fish compared to a historical average run index of 220,000 fish. Due to the extremely poor salmon runs, subsistence fishing for coho salmon will close and nonsalmon subsistence fishing with 4-inch gillnets is being reduced to protect migrating salmon.

Subsistence Management Actions

In the Coastal District and Districts 1-4:

Subsistence fishing is open with dip nets, beach seines, hook and line and manned fish wheels for nonsalmon and pink, sockeye, and coho salmon. Chum and Chinook salmon remain closed and must be released alive immediately from these gear types. Subsistence fishing for nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets are limited to 60 feet or shorter length.

Effective 12:01 a.m. on Monday, August 26, subsistence fishing for coho salmon will close and fishing with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for nonsalmon will only be allowed from 12:01 am Fridays through 11:59 p.m. Sundays. All gillnets will be closed Mondays through Thursdays likely for the remainder of the salmon season. There will be an announcement in late September when restrictions are relaxed.

Nonsalmon Subsistence Fishing

Fishermen should use nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include hand line, longline, fyke net, and spear. If closures are in place for a salmon species, they must be released alive immediately from these gear types.

Federal Special Action

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-06-24 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. Federal Special Actions will be posted on www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions and shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.



ADF&G Advisory Announcements and fish counts can be obtained by visiting www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG or www.adfg.alaska.gov/yukonfishcounts.

To receive advisory announcements by email, sign up at www.cfnews.adfg.alaska.gov.

-end-