



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #9

Districts 1, 2 and 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The first pulse of Chinook salmon is late, and current projections indicate there may be no harvestable surplus on a run of this size. It is essential to close subsistence fishing for Chinook salmon and allow all of the early tricklers to head toward their spawning grounds. The first large group of chum salmon are arriving now in the lower river, slightly later than last year. In order to provide some opportunity to harvest chum salmon, fishing will be allowed only with selective gear (dip nets and beach seines) and all Chinook salmon must be released alive to the water.

During subsistence fishing closures, no gillnets are allowed. At this time, 4-inch or smaller mesh gear is not allowed for the harvest of non-salmon, in order to avoid bycatch of Chinook salmon from this gear. **During subsistence salmon fishing closures, gillnets, dip nets or beach seines are not allowed. Fish wheels may not be operated during closures.**

Subsistence Management Actions

District 1 (including the Black River, and communities of Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

Effective 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 23 until 8 a.m. Wednesday June 24, subsistence salmon fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines only to target summer chum salmon. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.

Stand by for a future announcement regarding the next period which would start Friday, June 26.

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

Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

Effective 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 until 8 a.m. Thursday June 25, subsistence salmon fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines only to target summer chum salmon. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.

Stand by for a future announcement regarding the next period which would start Saturday, June 27.

District 3 (including Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

Effective 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 until 8 a.m. Thursday June 25, subsistence salmon fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines only to target summer chum salmon. All Chinook salmon must be released alive

Stand by for a future announcement regarding the next period which would start Saturday, June 27.

Innoko River:

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

Effective 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size and fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

General Reminders:

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller. Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach. Beach seine gear may not exceed 150 fathoms in length, 100 meshes in depth, and 4-inches stretched measure. Additionally, beach seines may not be constructed of monofilament webbing. **All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets and beach seines.**

Fish wheels are a legal gear during open salmon fishing periods only, however the fish wheel must be manned while operating and all Chinook salmon must be released alive.



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