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Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #12

South Coastal District Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Chinook salmon run is late and projected to be much smaller than average. Fish are now entering the mouths but there may be no harvestable surplus on a run of this size. The summer chum run is also late, but entering now. In order to reduce harvest of Chinook salmon and to allow some harvest of summer chum, subsistence fishing is reduced to half time (3.5 days per week) and gillnets continue to be restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh during open fishing periods.

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 incidental harvest 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. **As a reminder, the Black River is not part of the South Coastal district, it is on the North Coast and District 1 fishing schedule and subject to those restrictions of selective gear only, with live release of all Chinook.**

Subsistence Management Actions

South Coastal District (from Naskonat Peninsula north to 62 degrees North latitude, including Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week **with 6-inch or smaller** mesh gillnets.

Effective 1 p.m. Thursday, June 25, subsistence fishing will close.

Effective 10 a.m. Friday, June 26, fishing will reopen with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a schedule of one 84-hour period (three and a half days) per week opening from 10 a.m. Fridays until 10 p.m. Mondays.



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To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks call 456-0406.

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COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.